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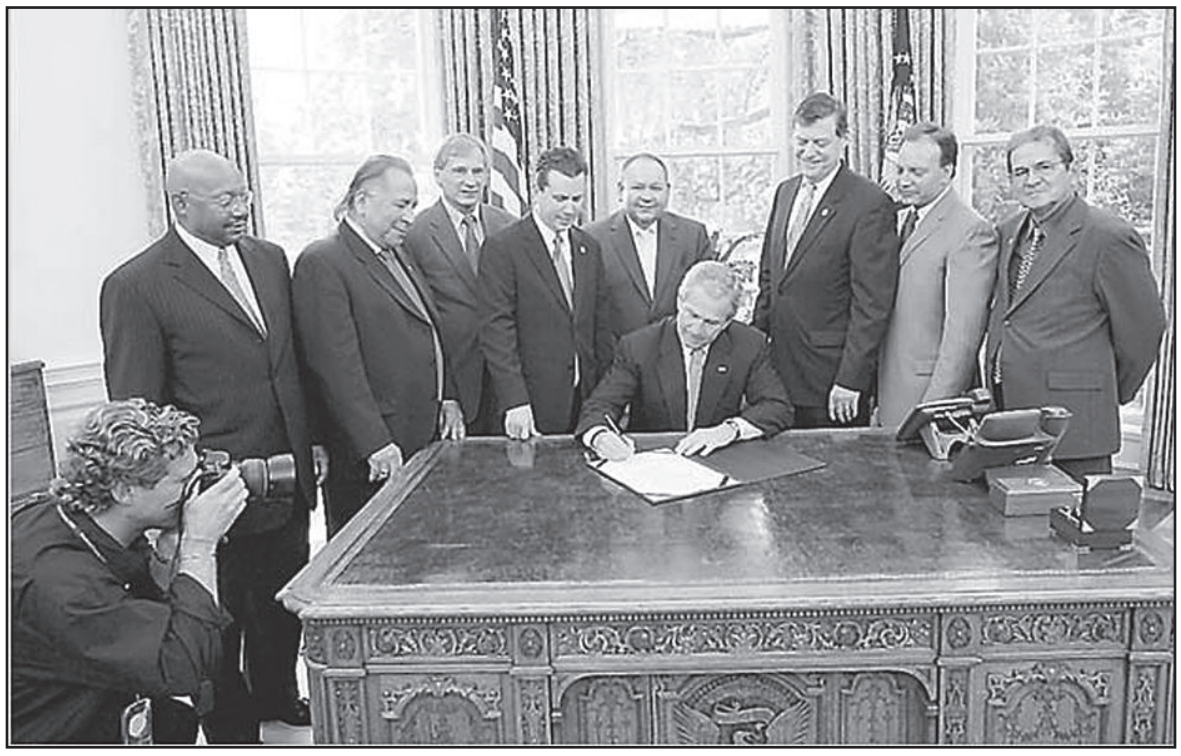
Gov. Anoatubby in Washington to support signing

Native American Housing Act extended through 2012



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, directly behind President Bush, watches at the president signs the Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act. The signing of the important Indian housing bill took place in the Oval Office June 18. From left are U.S. HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson, Seminole Chief Enoch Kelley Haney, Cherokee Chief Chad Smith, U.S. Rep. Dan Boren (D-Okla.), Gov. Anoatubby, President Bush, U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), Choctaw Assistant Chief Gary Batton and Muscogee (Creek) Chief A.D. Ellis.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby recently joined U.S. Congressman Dan Boren (D-Okla.) and leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes Monday for a White House bill signing.

President Bush signed H.R. 1676, the "Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007," Monday, June 18 in the Oval Office of the White House.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Boren to address the lack of mortgage lending in Indian Country.

"This legislation continues a program which has had a great impact on Native American families in Oklahoma and across the United States," said Gov. Anoatubby.

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Alphonso Jackson was in the Oval office for the signing. He applauded the move.

"Native Americans deserve an equal opportunity to share in the dream of home ownership, and this program helps them do just that," said Jackson. "Indian tribes around the country have utilized these loans to increase and improve their housing. With the President's signature, we can help create more home ownership opportunities and greater economic growth for more families in Indian Country."

The bill reauthorizes HUD's Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program. Created in 1992, this program addresses the lack of mortgage lending for Native Americans and was designed to give Native American families the opportunity to purchase their own homes.

To date, more than 4,500 loans have been guaranteed by this program for a total of $573.1 million, including 790 loans in Fiscal Year 2007 for $113.2 million.

The Section 184 program provides a 100 percent guarantee for mortgages on Indian lands, enabling private sector lenders to make mortgage loans to eligible Natives American families, tribes, and tribal housing entities that are purchasing homes. The program can also be used to rehabilitate existing homes, build new homes and refinance higher interest rate loans.

Bank2, owned by the Chickasaw Nation, participates in the program.

Nationwide, 196 tribes participate in the program, including 24 in Oklahoma. Since its inception, the program has guaranteed $517 million in loans nationwide, including $121.9 million in Oklahoma.

"This program increases home ownership in Indian Country and improves the quality of life in Indian communities," Boren said. "It increases home ownership in Eastern Oklahoma and across the state."

Oklahoma consistently represents 34 percent of the total loans guaranteed through the program. Much of the land in Indian Country across the nation

*See **Native American Housing,** page 31*

Reunion brings old friends together

More than 150 Chickasaws shared memories, renewed friendships and honored loved ones during the historic Chickasaw School Days Reunion June 23.

"Great," "wonderful" and "fantastic" were a few of the adjectives attendees used to describe the event.

Dozens of photos submitted by boarding school students and family members were displayed on easels throughout the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Many photos were also projected onto a large screen which included lists of students from numerous boarding schools.

"I thought you did a great job displaying pictures," said Faye McCurtain, who added that she thought it was great, but expected more people to attend.

More photos were available for viewing in albums.

"I love it. I think it's fantastic," said Hawaii Davidson. "I really think if this became (a regular event) it would really be a good thing for us.

"Of course we're getting older. We'll probably dwindle down in numbers," she added with a laugh.

Catherine Pendergraft, left, and Faye McCurtain remember school days as they go through a photo album at the boarding school reunion. The reunion was hosted at the tribal community center in Ada on June 23.

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AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Pro Tempore Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the absence of Chairperson Scott Colbert. Chairperson Briggs appointed Dr. Goforth Parker to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Members absent: Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, H. D. Gardner, Michael L. Wingo, Barbara Goodman, Kerri McDonald, Traile G. Glory

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - April 20, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve the April 20, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-040, Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Ada, Oklahoma

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to participate with the Indian Health Service in its Joint Venture Construction Program. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will be larger and will offer expanded services that were not available at the older Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR24-040.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-040 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

Ms. Easterling announced the Budget Hearing was scheduled for June 28 at the Ada Community Center. She concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 24-037, Gubernatorial Appointment -Chickasaw Nation Election Commission (Claude Miller)

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Claude Miller to fill the remaining term of the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. The seat had been filled by Ms. Billie Easterling, who recently resigned. The term of the seat began on December 31, 2005 and will end on December 31, 2008.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve the GR24-037

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-037 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-038, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Fire Station to be located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve the GR24-038.

Ms. Alexander stated she would not support this resolution because of the cost of the operation and maintenance of the facility.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,David Woerz, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

Member voting no: Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR24-038 carried.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24-030, Oil and Gas Lease in Pushmataha County (Tribal Tract No. 869)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of T.S. Dudley Land Company, Inc., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $105 per acre for a total bonus of $525.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $131.25, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. The lease contains 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $15.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve the GR24-030

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-030 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-031, Oil and Gas Lease in Hughes County (Tribal Tract No. 188-A)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc., of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $710.91 per acre for a total bonus of $25,159.11, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $6,289.78, on property belonging to the Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations in Hughes County, Oklahoma. The lease contains 35.39 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $106.17 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $26.54 per annum, and a

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Enhancing law enforcement to make communities safe

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Many great advances have been born of our modern society.

We now have technology, innovations and equipment that we couldn't imagine just a generation ago. Most Americans now have computers in their homes and most American workers' primary office machine is a computer. We can reach around the world with the touch of a button on the internet. Many Americans have cell phones with which to stay in constant communication no matter where they are at any given time.

Thankfully, our law enforcement agencies have, in many places, put these and other tools to work on behalf of the law-abiding people they serve.

However, our modern world and its many new gadgets and gizmos have not been overlooked by the criminal element of our society.

Criminals use technology, too. They use it to communicate quickly, effectively and secretly. They use it to overcome safeguards citizens have put in use to protect their lives and property. They use it to hide, to organize and to devise new and unique ways to commit crimes.

We know at the Chickasaw Nation that we must be vigilant and up-to-date in our fight against crime. Our own Lighthorse Police Department is dedicated to enforcing the law in our tribal jurisdictions. The Lighthorse officers know their number one job is to protect Chickasaws and other citizens and keep them safe.

In addition to technology and innovation, modern society has produced a myriad of law enforcement jurisdictions. There are federal, tribal, state, municipal and county jurisdictions. There are also special jurisdictions and judicial district jurisdictions, among others.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

There are, of course, overlapping jurisdictions.

The jigsaw of jurisdictions has actually emboldened some criminals who see advantage in jurisdictional confusion and the unequal distribution of resources among jurisdictions. One of the most pervasive categories of crime, in Oklahoma and throughout the country, is illegal drug manufacture and distribution.

These drug crimes are some of the fastest growing and most destructive in the U.S. These crimes sap communities of their economic vitality, create dangers to the environment and young children, and debase and often destroy young lives. These crimes are a heartless business whose purveyors seek only money, no matter what the price to the community and its people.

The Chickasaw Nation has been progressive in seeking all avenues possible to stop these crimes, particularly in Indian Country. The tribe has recently entered into a cross-deputization agreement with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics. This agreement dovetails with other cross-deputization agreements we have with local district attorney, sheriff and police enforcement agencies.

The result of these agreements is that law enforcement agencies may enforce the law appropriately throughout the jurisdictional landscape. Before cross-deputization, criminals could avoid capture and prosecution by setting up shop in a lightly patrolled jurisdiction, or by moving frequently to create jurisdictional confusion.

Through cooperation and mutual benefit, we now partner with numerous agencies in order to provide efficient, effective and results-oriented law enforcement. We enter these partnerships without compromising our tribal sovereignty, and with the pure desire to rid our communities of this destructive criminal element.

We are proud of our Lighthorse Police Department and the commitment they consistently display in making the Chickasaw Nation a great place to live and work. We are committed to helping our Lighthorse officers and their colleagues as they partner to strengthen our common law enforcement efforts.

Drug crime elimination is a worthy goal. The Chickasaw Nation will continue to partner with tribal and other agencies to make this goal a reality.

Chickasaw brings home awards for non-fiction content, design

Chickasaw, Unconquered and Unconquerable has garnered two awards in the 11th Annual Independent Publisher Book Awards competition.

The book was named a gold award winner in the Multicultural Non-Fiction Adult category at the national level and won a bronze award in the Mid-West Best Regional Non-Fiction category.

A second organization PMA, The Independent Book Publishers Association, has named *Chickasaw, Unconquered and Unconquerable* a finalist for a Benjamin Franklin Award for interior design.

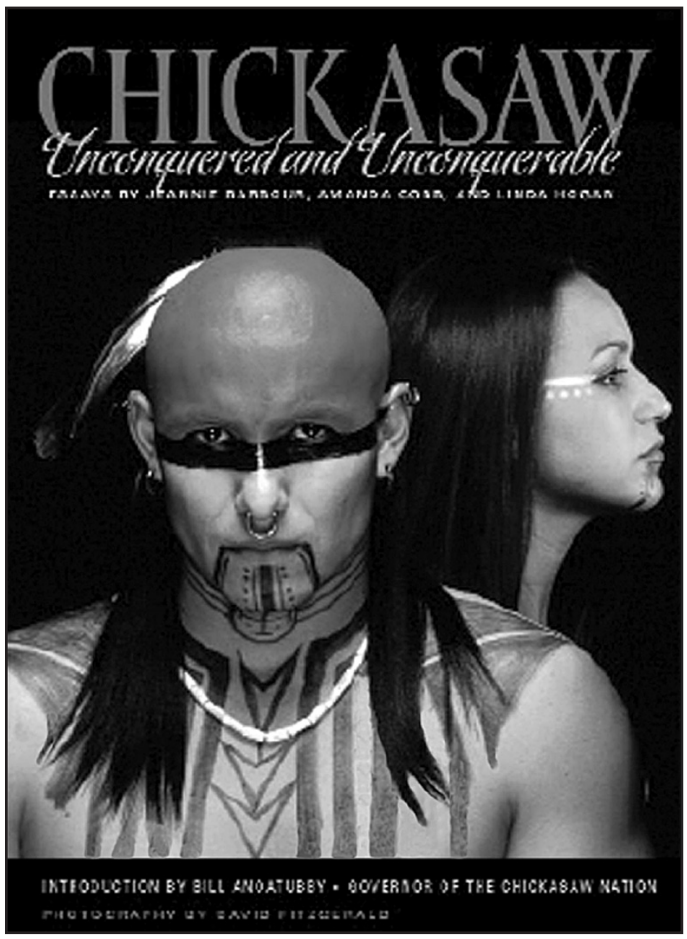
The book is the first published by the newly formed Chickasaw Press.

"Everyone involved in this project deserves special recognition for their part in producing a book which provides meaningful insight into the story of the Chickasaw people," said Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

"It seems very fitting for this masterful work of art telling the story of the Chickasaw people to be the first book published by the Chickasaw Press."

The staff of the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Division, led by administrator Lona Barrick, produced the book in cooperation with Graphic Arts Center Publishing Company.

Chickasaw, Unconquered and Unconquerable features photography by Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame member and three-time Oklahoma Photographer of the year David Fitzgerald.



Graphics, art, essays, recollections and memoirs of the Chickasaw people from Removal to present day are used to tell the story of the Chickasaw people.

Contributing writers include Chickasaw authors Linda Hogan, Dr. Amanda Cobb and Jeannie Barbour.

Hogan is a prolific author whose career spans more than two decades. She has won several awards, including the Guggenheim Award, the Before Columbus Foundation American Book award, the Five Civilized Tribes Playwriting Award, and the Wordcraft Circle's Writer of the Year (Prose-Fiction) award.

Dr. Cobb is the author of "Listening to our Grandmothers' Stories: The Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw Females," which won the 2001 American Book Award and the North American Indian Prose Award. Dr. Cobb, who earned her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, is an assistant professor in the Department of Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico.

Barbour teaches Chickasaw history classes and lectures on Chickasaw political structure and culture. She is an award-winning artist who has done extensive research on Chickasaw culture and documented little known facts about that culture in her art work. Several images of her art work appear in the book.

The Chickasaw Press is part of a comprehensive effort to offer more Chickasaw history and culture to the reading public outlined by Gov. Anoatubby in his Oct. 2005 state of the nation address.

That effort includes the publishing company, a series of publication awards and a center for the study of Chickasaw culture and history.

"We hope to provide encouragement and support to authors and scholars interested in Chickasaw heritage," said Gov. Anoatubby. "By providing an outlet for their work, awards for outstanding achievements and a resource to assist in research efforts, we believe we can do a great deal to inspire authors and expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history, heritage and culture."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Health System applying for grants to add to budget

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! I realize that this is a strange request, but if everyone would pray for the rain to stop, we will sincerely appreciate it. Perhaps you heard on the news about our heavy rains and flooding here in the Chickasaw Nation. We hope to get completely dried out by the end of summer.

Lots of Health Care news this month. The Health System is making application for additional grant monies. The grant is very competitive as only two are given in the U.S. However, with our excellent track record on utilizing grant funds, we hope to receive one. It would go a long way in providing additional health care programs for our Indian people. Meanwhile, we continue to stay within the budget and look forward to next year's funding which begins in October.

The Oklahoma state legislature passed the All Kids bill and it has been sent to the Oklahoma Governor for signing. We supported the bill because it adds 18- to 22-year-olds for coverage under Sooner Care, the Oklahoma state health care program. It will impact the Health System because every dollar we can recover from Sooner Care means better equipment and additional assistance through our health care programs.

Electronic Health Records have been implemented now in our Purcell and Tishomingo clinics. We continue to work on getting them up and running in Ardmore ad Durant.

If you live closer to Purcell than Ada, you should consider moving your records to the Purcell Clinic and become a patient there. Prescriptions are now also available at the Purcell Clinic. For more information and to transfer records, call Sandi Sanders at 580.436.3980.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: for the month of May, 2007, there were 236 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,522. May Emergency Room visits were 1,034. May saw 265 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,562 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,639 patients in May. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,416 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,149. The Durant Clinic saw 2,304 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,571 in May.

May God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Chikasha, family reunions offer connections to our past

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello, Everyone!

Summer is definitely here and all of the gatherings that seem inherent to summer are very much underway!

This weekend is Chikasha Reunion at Kullihoma and it is truly a homecoming. There will be lots of visiting and lots of food – a great formula for success! If you have never attended one of the reunions at Kullihoma please give yourself a gift and do so. You will love it. Mixed in with all the visiting are examples of our culture and games and dances brought forward from our ancestors. Our stickball players are formidable in their skill and this year the mail game will be with Cherokee stickball players.

The stomp dancers will begin their dancing at midnight and dance until dawn, in accordance with traditions from our past.

It is a great event – a great time of much enjoyment. A number of our elders have written the stories from their past, including memories from school days at our Indian schools, and some of those will be read as the day progresses on Saturday. And our treasured land Kullihoma is such a beautiful area for the event.

My personal family reunion is to be held the next weekend. There will be approximately 200 of us there and it also is an event of much enjoyment – with those same magical ingredients: good food and great visiting! We are so fortunate to have our own family park, the Minnie Liddell Park, which is located on 16 acres of my maternal grandmother's original allotment land. She set the land aside many years ago to encourage that her descendents gather together at least once a year to know each other and to honor or Chickasaw heritage. She was a full blood.

This year we will be dedicating a large monument to her memory and it will have her picture on it with the story of her wish for all of us. In every sense of the word her wish for us, her descendents, is a reality. Children and adults equally look forward to seeing other family members we do not get to see on a frequent basis. It is a wonderful, great occasion and her spirit is always there as we enjoy the very special legacy she left us.

Our Chickasaw youth are having a grand summer as they attend so many camps. Recently the director of education Lisa John told the legislature about her visit with a group of our students to NASA to Houston. The astronauts actually worked with the students on their projects and it was evident the excitement of the event came home with Lisa as she told us about the event. We are so proud of all the opportunities offered for our youth.

Enjoy your summer – Do not get too much sun! Just enough to make you feel happy!

Take good care!

Linda Briggs

JOM to cut back; tribe remains committed

Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As most of us know, the Johnson-O'Malley program has been helping Indian students for many years.

Originally enacted in the 1930s, the Johnson-O'Malley (or "JOM" as many know it) has been providing much needed school funding for decades. JOM funds help provide essential items for Indian students, including books, notebooks, pencils, miscellaneous schools supplies and much more. Many, many Indian students have benefitted from JOM, and many received the things they needed when they had no way to pay.

Now, word has come down that federal JOM funding is to be cut by 26.7%. This is obviously a very large cut and will have an impact on Indian students throughout the country.

We are very fortunate that our tribe has the ability to pick up the slack where the federal government has left a need. The Chickasaw Nation is a wonderful supporter of Chickasaw and all Indian education. As you no doubt know, education is one of the cornerstones of what we are trying to do as a tribe. We understand that only with the appropriate education can our young people develop the careers and accomplish they goals they set. We ar committed to them, and to all Chickasaws who desire an education.

Our tribe now funds hundreds of scholarships totalling millions of dollars each year. The Chickasaw Nation also helps provide the very basic necessities students require to succeed.

There may now be a cutback by the federal government. But our tribe will continue to provide for our students at the highest level.

Visit Carl Albert gift shop today!

Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients.

The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

$200 million up for approval; you can help!

Important Indian diabetes funding before Congress

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Nearly 10 years ago, Congress showed foresight and commitment to the health and future of Indian Country when it first authorized the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Since then, SDPI funding has enabled the IHS, Tribes such as the Chickasaw Nation, and urban Indian health programs to develop more than 400 new diabetes prevention and treatment programs. These programs have filled critical health care gaps and provided services that would not otherwise be provided. The staff for the Chickasaw Nation Health System diabetes program is funded entirely by SDPI funds.

Once again, we are going to Congress and asking that the funding be extended for the SDPI for five years at a funding level of $200 million per year. That sounds like a lot of money, and it is. For prevention of diabetes, we would be saving so much. Imagine that for a diabetic patient, it costs our tribes more than $13,000 per year for each patient. For a non-diabetic, the average cost per patient is $2,500 per year.

Some of the improvements that we have seen over the past eight years include:

1. improved quality of diabetes care
2. improvements in clinical outcomes for people with diabetes
3. earlier diagnosis of diabetes, which gives individuals a greater chance of avoiding complications
4. increased prevention programs in schools
5. increased availability of wellness activities

More than 500 tribes joined together to sign a petition urging congress to support the SDPI funding of $200 million per year for the next five years. You remember the old saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and I believe it is true.

You are probably asking what you can do at this point (I hope). I have a strategy that I believe we can each individually operationalize.

Congress will be recessing in August to go home to their respective states. At that time, it would be great for you to contact your Congressman and senator to encourage them to vote in favor of the SDPI when it comes up for a vote. Already, there are House and Senate bills for the SDPI funding, and the vote could come up at any time. The National Indian Health Board, American Diabetes Association, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and other strong advocacy groups are strategizing for ways to place our bills up before the House and Senate for a favorable vote. It is really amazing to watch the process.

You can visit the web site for the National Indian Health Board at www.nihb.org for additional information as you prepare to contact your Congress men and women who represent your state. It would be wonderful for Congress to hear from individual Chickasaws from each state.

Congressman Diane DiGette from Colorado will be sponsoring the bill along with others from the House. Colorado, you would be so proud of Congressman DeGette. I encouage you to contact her and express your appreciation.

In your attempts to contact your representatives, here are some tips. In our current environment, letters are seldom received in time because they have to be examined so closely because of the threat of anthrax.

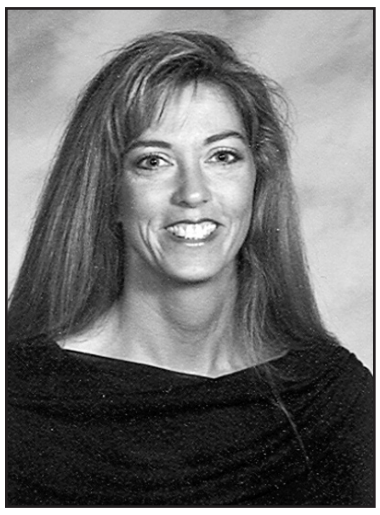
E-mails are received often, but you should also consider that hundereds of e-mails are received each day. If you send an e-mail, please call your representative and ask for the e-mail address that it should be sent to. For each Congressional delegate, there is at least one staff member who will handle the issues related to health and Indian Country. Those are the ones you would want to contact. You can send a FAX or make a phone call, and that will be even better than e-mail. However, the very best thing you can do is a personal visit. I encourage you to find out when your Congressional reprsentatives will be home, where their speaking enagements are, and go talk to them.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as a Chickasaw Legislator. I ask that you join with me in the fight to continue funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. Together, let us all make a difference. I would love to hear your individuals stories of what you did to contact your state's elected Congressmen and senators. You can e-mail me at judy.parker@chickasaw.net. Your communication is vital to me.

Have a great and healthy summer.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN
Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Neurocare Muscle Stimulator can work to relieve symptoms



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I hope you have taken the opportunity to participate in **our** tribal elections. This is your chance to let your opinion be known. Our forefathers labored long and hard to make sure that their descendants would be able to carry on the traditions, stories and customs. By voting, **you** are contributing to the strength of our nation. Don't forget it is a privilege to be able to vote and be counted. That is a small price to pay for having not only a sovereign nation but a healthy one too! Don't make the mistake of thinking that "others" will take care of all that business stuff! Yes, elected officials are supposed to work for the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation; however, it does not hurt to have frequent input from you-the Chickasaw Citizen. I understand the difficulty that citizens have trying to discern what is occurring in their tribal government. I encourage you to try taking little more interest. Contact your representatives. Ask questions: let them know who you are and something about your family. Remember, **we are all** related because of our Chickasaw heritage. Very few of us, have a common bond to our local, state and federal government officials, and the chances of being able to talk to them is slim!

It has been on my heart for some time to express my gratitude to all the employees of the Chickasaw Nation. You are an important part of the nation. Your hard work and dedication are very vital to the success of our tribe. Thank you.

We are still eagerly waiting for the Chickasaw healthcare officials to place the Neurocare Muscle Stimulator. It is my hope that this will be possible within the workings of our tribal healthcare system and that all Chickasaw citizens will have the opportunity to use it. Last week I was able to assist a Chickasaw man with his "bad foot" and refer him to someone for treatment using the NMS. The system has been very beneficial in treating symptoms of diabetes. Remember: (1) it does not cure diabetes, but it can be a great tool to assist in the fight against the side affects and (2) it may not work for everyone. For more information www.neurocare.com

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Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

May 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number GR24-042

Authorization for Acceptance and Transfer of Title of Properties in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the exchange of property between the Chickasaw Nation and the First Baptist Church of Ada. The properties involved in the transfer are:

Currently owned by the First Baptist Church, to be conveyed to The Chickasaw Nation, are three and one-half vacant city lots described as follows: The East 25 feet of Lot 10 and all of Lots 11, 12, and 13, of Block 118, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE of ADA, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma,

Currently owned by the Chickasaw Nation, to be conveyed to the First Baptist Church of Ada, are two and one-half vacant city lots described as: All of Lots 1 and 2, and the East 25 feet of Lot 3, in Block 127, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE of ADA, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: Ada, Oklahoma

Use: Intern Housing

Emergency legislation: This resolution is considered as "emergency legislation" because it was received after the deadline required in Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-43

Authorization for the Granting of Real Property to the 20th District Drug Court Inc., Ardmore, Carter County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Governor or his designee to negotiate and conclude the granting of real property located at 119 ½ North Washington, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401, to the 20th District Drug Court Inc. of Ardmore, Oklahoma, for use in their program.

Emergency legislation: This resolution is considered as "emergency legislation" because it was received after the deadline required in Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-045

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: The addition of a pool to the wellness centers will allow water related fitness and health activities, and recuperative therapies to be available to citizens in the Tishomingo & Ardmore areas. Many of our elders would benefit greatly from activities like water aerobics, when performed in the low, or no impact environment provided by an indoor pool.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the construction of the Swimming Pool Addition to the Tishomingo Wellness Center, Project Number 20-0066-06 in the amount of $1,685,000, and for the construction of the Swimming Pool Addition to the Ardmore Wellness Center, Project Number 20-0071-07 in the amount of $1,685,000.

Emergency legislation: This resolution is considered as "emergency legislation" because it was received after the deadline required in Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Holly Easterling, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 24-007

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 5, Section 2-530.43 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Minimum Wage)

Explanation: This resolution amends the Chickasaw minimum wage so that it is in compliance with the new federal minimum wage.

Emergency legislation: This resolution is considered as "emergency legislation" because it was received after the deadline required in Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code and the federal minimum wage is expected to change some time in July.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 11, 2007
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Steve Woods

Education Committee
June 11, 2007
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee
June 11, 2007
Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Scott Colbert
Absent: Linda Briggs, Steve Woods

Health Committee
June 4, 2007
Present: Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert
Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee
June 4, 2007
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert
Absent: Beth Alexander, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Legislative Committee
June 11, 2007
Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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4. Dean McManus
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Seat #

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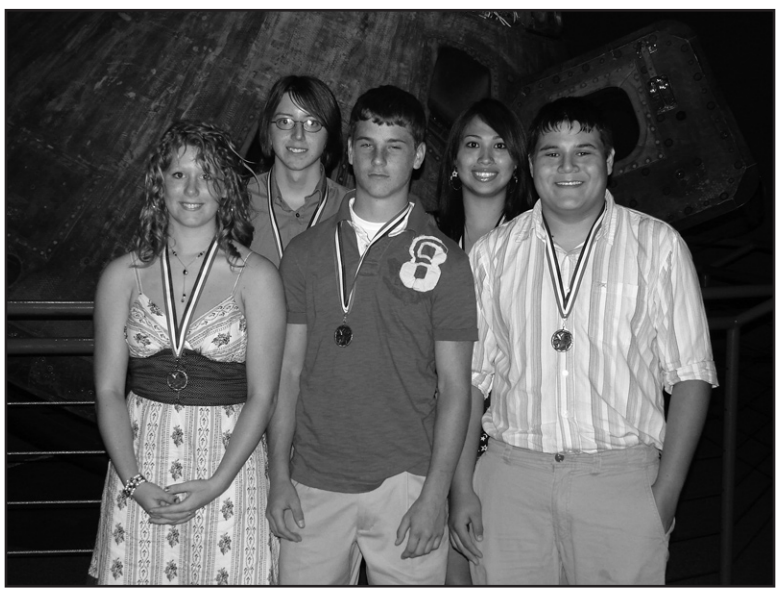
Chickasaw Citizens

Young people get plenty of 'hands on' experience

Chickasaw students experience NASA Space School



Members of the CNASA Blue Team won the award for outstanding rover and best overall performance during Space School at Space Center Houston. From left are Katie Mitchell, Jacob Standridge, Garrett Davis, laura Ash and Brandon Blankenship.

Students purchase rover parts from Space School instructor Jamie Semple. From left are Catie Newport, Jalena Walker, Jacob Standridge, Christina Cassel, Kris Kincheloe, Blake Barnes and Semple.

HOUSTON – Twenty-two Chickasaw students from across Oklahoma took part in the world-renowned Space School at Space Center Houston June 4 through 8.

This is the first group of students from the U.S. to attend the school in more than three years, and the first group of all American Indian students ever to attend the school.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, said the camp is part of an overall effort to provide unique educational opportunities for students.

"We believe camps and academies such as this provide information and inspiration that may help these young people lead more productive and fulfilling lives," said Gov. Anoatubby.

One highlight of the week's activities was the chance to meet and hear three Apollo astronauts who have walked on the moon. Students heard astronauts Gene Cernan, Alan Bean and John Young speak of their experiences.

"That was amazing! That was really sweet," said Carson Turner of Edmond. "Those three guys had been to the moon and one of them was the last man to leave footprints on the moon.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. It's just - wow!"

Turner said he has always been interested in flight and he came to Space School with CNASA to help him choose between aviation and aerospace.

Space School centers on a mock mission to Mars, giving students the opportunity to work as a team to plan, budget and design a rocket, rover and landing device needed for a successful mission.

While he had been involved in a similar program at Francis Tuttle Vo-tech this year, Turner said this week at Space Center Houston added another dimension.

"I learned a lot," he said. "I really enjoyed it because I got to see the circumstances in which these aerospace engineers and these men and women work, so it was easier for me to understand what it would be like if I did grow up and decide I wanted to come here and work."

Katie Mitchell, a senior at Ringling High School, was selected as her team's systems manager.

"I thought that was a really big honor," she said.

Her group was ultimately awarded the honor as "best overall team."

She said that she tried to help her team communicate more effectively, because the projects required each team member to know their specific role.

"The main key was communication," she said. "Our motto was "to speak without thinking is to shoot without aiming."

She said that motto helped her team think their way through the projects and work more effectively.

Students were also treated to a level nine tour, where they were able to see mission control centers in action, watch astronauts training in the neutral buoyancy laboratory and see other training facilities not open to the general public.

Brandon Blankenship of Byng, said it was "really cool" to be able to take the tour.

While virtually all of the students agreed that Space school was a great learning experience, they did not agree when asked to give advice to Chickasaw students considering attending the school in the future.

Kris Kincheloe of Durant said while he was more inclined to pursue an aerospace career after his Space School experience, it is not for everyone.

"If you're a lazy person, don't come to this camp," he said.

He added that the success of the team depended on everyone making a contribution and those not willing to put forth a strong effort might be a detriment to their team.

Turner voiced a different opinion.

"Do it! No matter what, - do it," he said. "If you're even remotely interested or think you're interested in anything having to do with space come and see how you like it here."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Katie Mitchell and Jacob Standridge work on the Blue Team rover.

CNASA students hear from Apollo astronauts

Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy students attending Space School at Space Center Houston had the unique opportunity to hear first hand from three men who have walked on the moon.

Alan Bean, John Young and Gene Cernan spoke at Space Center Houston June 7 as part of an event titled "Moonwalkers and a Movie."

After a montage of film clips from the Apollo program, including footage of each of the astronauts on the moon, the astronauts discussed their experiences.

Eugene Cernan, who was the lat man to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 17 crew in 1972, said the Apollo astronauts "became the Lewis and Clark of

*See **Apollo astronauts,** page 29*

Students receive special tour of Johnson Space Center

As part of the Space School experience, CNASA students visited parts of the Johnson Space Center not open to the general public.

During this "Level Nine Tour" students saw astronauts in training and mission control centers in operation, as well as learning little-known information about Johnson Space Center.

Students watched astronauts training for space walks, also known as extra-vehicular activities, in the neutral buoyancy lab.

The neutral buoyancy lab is an indoor pool 202 feet long, 102 feet wide and 40 feet deep which contains more than 6.2 million gallons of water.

It contains mock ups of large section of the space shuttle and the International Space Station.

Astronauts in the pool wear a combination of flotation devices and weights which give them an equal tendency to float or sink.

In this near weightless envi-

*See **CNASA students,** page 29*

Hogan, Browning, Brown, Stephens to be inducted

Chickasaw Nation announces 2007 Hall of Fame inductees

An award winning author, a former tribal legislator, a former BIA official and a tribal elder dedicated to preserving Chickasaw culture will be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame 6:30 p.m. August 10 at Riverwind Casino in Goldsby, Okla.

Retired astronaut and Chickasaw Hall of Fame member John Herrington will serve as master of ceremonies at the event.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

"It is a privilege to honor each of these outstanding individuals," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This is a diverse group with a wide variety of talents and abilities. One thing they share, however, is an unselfish dedication to serving others."

Pulitzer Prize finalist Linda Hogan, former BIA official Zane Browning and tribal elder Pauline Carpenter Brown are scheduled to be present for the induction ceremony.

Former tribal legislator Robert Stephens will be inducted posthumously. Family members are expected to accept the award on his behalf.

Ms. Hogan is a poet, short story writer, novelist, playwright, and essayist. She has played a prominent role in the development of contemporary Native American poetry and prose.

Her novel *Mean Spirit* was a finalist for a Pulitzer in 1990 and won an Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 1991. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas in 1998. Other awards are too numerous to list.

Mr. Browning began his career with the BIA at age 19. In 1991, he received the Meritorious Service Award from the Department of the Interior in recognition of his dedicated service and outstanding contributions on behalf of Indian people.

Mr. Browning served as superintendent of the local BIA Agency from 1979 to 1993.

He assisted in establishing Chickasaw Nation compacts for control of many BIA programs.

He also helped establish the Chickasaw Nation health clinic in Ardmore.

Mrs. Brown is a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language and has considerable knowledge of Chickasaw history and culture.

She serves on the Chickasaw Language Committee, the Chickasaw Nation Historical society and the tribal election board.

She also makes use of her knowledge in her work as a consultant to Wickliffe Mounds Archeological Site in Kentucky, the Union County Historical and Genealogical Museum in Mississippi, and The Old Post Office Museum also in Mississippi.

Mr. Stephens served on the original steering committee which wrote the by-laws of the Chickasaw Nation in 1978.

He served two terms as a Chickasaw tribal legislator and was the first chairperson of that legislative body.

He was director of cultural resources and served as chairman of the cultural committee for the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Stephens was the first gaming commissioner for the Chickasaw Nation. He also served as Chairman and vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 400 guests.

Reservations are being accepted. Reservations must be made by July 28.

For more information, or to make reservations, contact:

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Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Reservations now available for Chickasaw Hall of Fame Banquet

Reservations are being accepted on a first call basis for the Chickasaw Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

Pulitzer Prize finalist Linda Hogan, former BIA official Zane Browning, tribal elder Pauline Carpenter Brown and former tribal legislator Robert Stephens will be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 10 at Riverwind Casino in Norman.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

Retired astronaut and Chickasaw Hall of Fame member John Herrington will serve as master of ceremonies at the event.

Ms. Hogan, Mr. Browning and Mrs. Brown are scheduled to be present for the induction ceremony.

Mr. Stephens will be inducted posthumously. Family members are expected to accept the award on his behalf.

Guests will enjoy a banquet-type meal, live music and a demonstration by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 400 guests.

Reservations must be made by August 3.

For more information, or to make reservations, contact:

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New facility a center for activities

Ribbon cut on Ada Community Center

Several Chickasaw Nation citizens, staff, officials and guests gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new Chickasaw Nation Ada Community Center on North Mississippi in Ada. Officials in the front row include: Building contractor Larry Finch, Chickasaw Agency Superintendent for the BIA Traile Glory, Chickasaw Nation Administrator Lona Barrick, Chickasaw Legislator Holly Easterling, Chickasaw Legislator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Legislator Mary Jo Green, Chickasaw Legislator Dean McManus and Chickasaw Legislator Katie Case.

In June, the Chickasaw Nation hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly constructed Chickasaw Nation Community Center located in Ada, Oklahoma.

Approximately 150 guests were on hand to tour the 10,800 square-foot facility which includes a banquet hall accommodating up to 500 people, a large conference room that can be divided into two smaller conference rooms, a full kitchen, a catering staging area, a large lobby area and offices.

"What an exciting day," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said during an address to those in attendance. "We feel very blessed to be here to celebrate the opening of this beautiful facility."

The building also features a state-of-the-art audio visual system and outdoor amenities such as a horseshoe pit, volleyball court, basketball goal and parking for 150 vehicles.

"We are happy to officially open this facility and hope it will help serve the needs of our community," said Governor Anoatubby. "We believe it is designed to accommodate just about any event or occasion for our Chickasaw families."

Designed by Wynn Associates and constructed by Larry Finch Building Corporation, the Ada Community Center is the largest of the Chickasaw Nation's five current community centers located throughout the tribe's boundaries. The Ada Community Center is located directly east of the tribal headquarters building on the corner of Mississippi and Arlington in Ada.

The Ada Community Center was constructed to fill the need for adequate meeting facilities for special events and large meetings and trainings as well as family reunions, parties and gatherings.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Awards promote study, articles on Chickasaw history

Chickasaw Nation accepting nominations for publication awards

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2006 Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Awards *for authors documenting Chickasaw history and culture*.

Authors of books, doctoral dissertations, master's theses and articles dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage published in 2006 or 2007 may be eligible for awards ranging up to $5,000.

"This awards program is designed to encourage and inspire authors to expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history, heritage and culture," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Gov. Anoatubby worked with Oklahoma Historical Society executive director Dr. Bob Blackburn and Dr. Paul Lambert, former historian-in-residence and executive director of the Oklahoma Heritage Association, to establish the program.

A $5,000 award will be presented for best book, $4,000 for best doctoral dissertation, $2,000 for best master's thesis and $1,000 for best article.

Cash awards and commemorative plaques are scheduled to be presented to winners during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony.

To be eligible for consideration, published works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw Heritage, including history, customs, traditions, visual and/or performing arts. Moreover, the works must be documented, either through the use of footnotes, endnotes or a listing of sources.

Books from any press, dissertations and theses from any accredited institution of higher learning, and articles from any periodical publication shall be considered providing that they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the previous paragraph.

Nominations must include five copies of the book, dissertation, thesis, or article being nominated.

Entries should be submitted to Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Administrator of Division of History, Research, and Scholarship

520 East Arlington
Ada, Okla. 74820

Deadline for receipt of nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, August 24, 2007.

For information, call (580) 436-7265.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Outpost seeks authentic arts and crafts

In an effort to provide a wider selection of authentic Chickasaw artwork, the Chickasaw Outpost is searching for Chickasaw artists and craftsmen interested in sharing their talents.

Chickasaw citizens and others are interested in obtaining arts and crafts produced by Chickasaw artists.

Painters, sculptors, ball stick makers, bow makers and other Chickasaw artisans are encouraged to contact the Chickasaw outpost to make arrangements for sale of artwork at the store and through the Website.

For information, call the Chickasaw Outpost at (580) 332-1458.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Business revenue providing expansion of tribal government programs

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $56.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $2.9 million and $27.8 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for May totaled $58 million and $431 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $21 million for the month and $144 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $63 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2007, the tribal government funds had $76 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $11.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $115 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of May 31, 2007, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $696 million with $130 million in payables resulting in net assets of $566 million compared to $509 million at the end of the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of $57 million over the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	6,011,747	431,423,779	437,435,527
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		50,256,616	(50,256,616)	0
Total funds available		56,268,363	381,167,164	437,435,527
Expenditures				
General government		4,437,817		4,437,817
Legislature		927,693		927,693
Judiciary		430,389		430,389
Education		4,950,921		4,950,921
Heritage Preservation		1,762,319		1,762,319
Health		7,177,970		7,177,970
Youth and Family Services		3,007,586		3,007,586
Nutrition Programs		1,420,188		1,420,188
Regulatory		2,088,231		2,088,231
Assistance Programs		3,353,736		3,353,736
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			230,792,055	230,792,055
Other businesses' expense			87,171,103	87,171,103
Total expenditures		29,556,851	317,963,158	347,520,009
Increase in net assets		26,711,512	63,204,006	89,915,518
Beginning net assets		212,904,843	263,433,891	476,338,734
Ending net assets	$	239,616,355	326,637,897	566,254,252

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
May 31, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	76,836,873	115,481,865	192,318,738
Receivables		893,373	19,275,989	20,169,362
Inventory			5,001,867	5,001,867
Prepaid expenses			7,419,061	7,419,061
Other Assets			13,248,013	13,248,013
Fixed assets		162,509,561	296,244,137	458,753,698
Less payables		(623,452)	(130,033,035)	(130,656,487)
Net Assets	$	239,616,355	326,637,897	566,254,252

Kayla Jo Wood

Kayla Jo Wood turned 15 years old while at Paradise Island, Bahamas on May 29, 2007. She celebrated her birthday by swimming with the dolphins along with her sister Neely, Mom and Aunt Teresa.

Kayla Jo will be in the 10th grade this fall at Tishomingo (OK) High School. She is active in the Mid America Youth Basketball League (OK Westins), softball, basketball and cheerleading. She is on the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Program and Tishomingo School Honor Roll. Kayla Jo loves pitching softball.

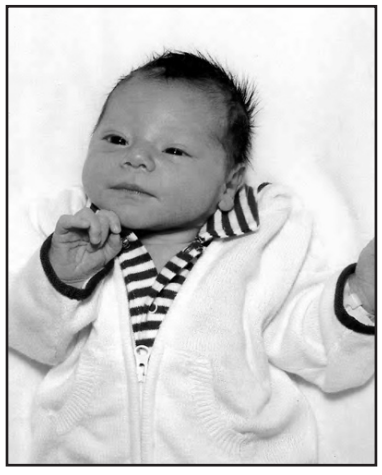
She is the daughter of Patricia Wood and Scott Wood of Tishomingo and the big sister to Neely and Cheyenne Wood.

Her grandparents are Phyllis Seymore of Bethany, Okla., the late Joe Plumley and Larry and Eugenia Wood of Tishomingo. Her great-grandparents are Floyd and Joyce Hackworth of Bromide, Okla.

Happy 15th birthday Kayla Jo!

We love you!

Births



Phoenix Flores

Phoenix Townsend Flores was born April 25, 2007 at the Women's Hospital of Texas, Houston. He weighed 8 lbs., and measured 21 inches.

Phoenix is the son of Jesse and Johnie Flores, Houston.

He is the grandson of John and Julia Blasingim. He is the great-grandson of the late D.B. and Bette Townsend, the great-great-grandson of the late Charles and Bette Duncum and the great-great-great-grandson of the late William Henry Duncum.

Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Chickasaw Nation Rep in Chickasha

CHICKASHA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on July 16 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Chickasaw student named OU 'Outstanding Sophomore;' selected for Crimson Club

Benjamin Bigbie receives the Outstanding Sophomore award from University of Oklahoma President David L. Boren.

Benjamin J. Bigbie was recognized as an Outstanding Sophomore at the University of Oklahoma Campus Awards Program on March 30, 2007.

Recognizing excellence in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership and service to the university community, this award is the highest honor bestowed to sophomores by the university community.

Mr. Bigbie has also been recently selected a member of the 2007-2008 Crimson Club. The Crimson Club is a prestigious student organization under the wings of the Office of the President. Designed to further the understanding of the history, traditions and unique environment of the University, its membership is composed of a select group of outstanding student leaders from all corners of the student body. Each member has been carefully identified as having outstanding leadership potential and a great pride in the University.

As campus ambassadors, Crimson Club members represent the University at special events, serve as hosts to visiting dignitaries and special guests, and assist the President in general service.

Mr. Bigbie is a 2005 graduate of Norman North (OK) High School and is a pre-med student beginning his junior year at OU. He holds a 4.0 grade point average.

His parents are Bane and Melanie Bigbie, of Norman. He is the grandson of Bane and Faye Bigbie, and the late Wilma Bigbie, of Ringling, Okla., and Ann Wise Eldridge, and the late Jim Bill Wise, of Tulsa.

He is the great-grandson of Anne Riley Wise, of Okmulgee, Okla., and the late Fanny Jewell Coffey Bigbie, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Chickasaw martial artist travels to Okinawa; trains with ninth-degree blackbelt master

A Chickasaw martial artist recently visited Okinawa, Japan. Richard Ringer has trained in Shorin-Ryu karate for over 20 years. He dreamed of someday visiting Okinawa, the birthplace of karate.

During his stay he had the honor to train with Makishi Sensei, a ninth-degree blackbelt, in the Makishi family Dojo. Makishi Sensei is well known around the world in Shorin-Ryu.

Having read many books about the island and its unique history, it was a great experience for Mr. Ringer.

Mr. Ringer has many relatives living in Oklahoma including aunts Margaret Mckinzie, of Pauls Valley, and Camella Phillips, of Ada. He is the grandson of the late W.C. Blevins. A resident of Cambria, Calif., Mr. Ringer is employed with the California Department of Corrections and also teaches karate. Karate has had a positive influence on Mr. Ringer's life. The Okinawan people are the longest living people in the world and Mr. Ringer would like to believe that karate contributes to their long lives.

Chickasaw martial artist Richard Ringer, back row far left, and Makishi Sensei, second row on left.

Citizens At Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Factor, Walters graduate during May commencement

Vocational Rehabilitation employees earn bachelor's degrees from ECU

Keisha Factor

Valorie Walters

Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation employees Keisha Factor and Valorie Walters were awarded bachelor's degrees during commencement exercises at East Central University May 12, 2007.

Mrs. Factor graduated with a bachelor of arts with a concentration of vocational rehabilitation. She has been employed with Chickasaw Nation for nine years, the past six with the VR department. Mrs. Factor began her career with VR as an administrative assistant. As she became familiar with VR and saw the changes VR made to the consumers' lives, she decided she wanted to become a counselor.

In 2004 she became a counselor-in-training while earning her bachelor's degree. She tirelessly worked her way through college while maintaining full-time employment and a full-time college schedule.

"I want to thank my wonderful husband, Terry Factor and my family for encouraging and believing in me," Mrs. Factor said. "I also want to thank Governor Anoatubby, Lisa John and my co-workers for the assistance and opportunities given to better my education. I am grateful I work for a director like Michelle Wilson who encourages education in her staff. I am also very thankful for the financial assistance I received by Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department."

Mrs. Walters completed coursework for a degree in mass communication with a concentration of public relations and advertising in December 2006. She began her career with Chickasaw Nation in 2002 when she was first employed in the Office of Environmental Health.

"When I began with OEH I felt as though I found not only a job, but an extended family," Mrs. Walters said. "The staff there was amazing and so supportive of everything I attempted."

In February 2005 her career goals changed and she moved from OEH to VR as a job developer.

"The best part of my job is the hands on participation with the consumers, she said. I try to make the environment comfortable and fun for consumers to learn." Today, Mrs. Walters continues her career as a job developer, where she teaches people interviewing techniques, resume building, completing applications, team building, communication, proper dress, good hygiene and other soft skills one needs to obtain employment.

"I certainly thank my husband, Wade for his encouragement," she said. "My sister, family and all the co-workers I had along my educational journey for their support. I admire the leadership of the Chickasaw Nation for putting such effort into the education of our people and I am thankful to Governor Anoatubby, administrator Lisa John, and the employees in the education department for their assistance in making my own and many other citizen's educational dreams come true."

Monetathchi earns scholarship

Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Johnson Billy, left, with Janessa Monetathchi, a graduate of Tishomingo (OK) High School and N.E.W. scholarship recipient.

A Chickasaw student was recently selected scholarship recipient for N.E.W. leadership at the University of Oklahoma.

Janessa Monetathchi was chosen for the scholarship designed for college females and teaches policy making and leadership. N.E.W. leadership also visits the State Capitol allowing a one-on-one conversation with elected officials.

Chickasaw language program begins with the very young; curriculum advances with student progress

The Chickasaw language revitalization is very important to the Chickasaw Nation. The Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center has been teaching the language to the children beginning with the infants. Teachers play music that has been translated into the Chickasaw language.

As the children grow and advance they are exposed to other Chickasaw words. They learn colors, numbers and animals. The children enjoy learning the language and this is a segment to preserving our history and culture. The language is taught in the Head Start classrooms, child care classrooms ages six weeks to five years and the school age classrooms ages five to nine.

The language is taught by Vera Tims, Sina Ogg, Pauline Brown and Michelle Wilson. There are many volunteers and elders who also help with the language.

Grandma Sina Ogg, from left, teacher Janota Stenson, Case Statford, Cole Logan, Lexi Matthews and Brooklyn Ryan at a Chickasaw language session.

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Keeper of genealogy, archaeology

Barbour named Director Of Libraries, Archives, and Collections

Jeannie Barbour

Jeannie Barbour has recently been appointed director of the Chickasaw Nation Libraries, Archives and Collections department, an element of the Division of History, Research and Scholarship.

In her new position, Barbour will perform all administrative duties for the tribal genealogy, archaeology, photo archives and library departments.

The goal of these departments is to provide places to learn about Chickasaw history and culture. To achieve that goal the departments plan to preserve, protect, add to and learn from Chickasaw Nation archives, collections and libraries.

Plans are also in place to cultivate research and scholarship opportunities and to help foster new generations of Chickasaw historians and scholars.

"It is a very exciting time for the Libraries, Archives and Collections department," said Barbour. "The new facility planned for the Cultural Center site in Sulphur will have state-of-the-art facilities to house our valuable photo, documents and archaeological collections. The technology will allow interested persons access to the archives like never before. The staff that I am working with is very knowledgeable about Chickasaw history and culture. I can't think of a better place to work right now in the Tribe."

Barbour has worked with the Chickasaw Nation intermittently for the past 20 years, most recently as an artist, writer and historian for the Multimedia Department. She has also worked in marketing for Chickasaw Nation Enterprises, as well as in many other capacities. She began her career as a designer for Award Design Medals, and has worked for several advertising agencies as a graphic artist and writer in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. She originally joined the Chickasaw Nation in 1987.

Barbour earned an associate's degree in art from Murray State College, a bachelor's degree in fine art from Oklahoma State University, and has completed master's level course work in museum studies.

She is also a graduate of the prestigious Leadership Oklahoma program.

She serves as an adjunct art instructor for East Central University and various area technical schools. Barbour has served on the Oklahoma Film Commission and was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Interior to the National Trail of Tears advisory board. She is also a member of the Colored Pencil Society of America.

In her spare time, she creates artwork in colored pencil, oil and acrylic paints, ink and watercolor, and researches and writes about Chickasaw history.

She has one son, Micah Hart, 13, who is a budding artist and writer as well.

Eventually the Libraries, Archives and Collections department will be housed in the new research center currently under construction at the Cultural Center campus near Sulphur. "This new facility will offer opportunities for Chickasaw people to become more actively involved in the study and preservation of Chickasaw history and culture," Barbour explained.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Joshua Hinson named Director of Museums, Historic Sites

Joshua Hinson

Joshua D. Hinson has been recently named Director of Museums and Historic Sites for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Culture.

In his new position, Hinson will be responsible for collaborating with the Museums and Historic Sites team on exhibits, programs, classes and educational outreach relating to the Chickasaw National Capitol, the Chickasaw Council House Museum, the Chickasaw White House, Chisha' Talla'a' (Cedarscape), Burney Institute and Kullihoma.

Providing the information to Chickasaw citizens and other interested persons on Chickasaw history, language and culture is also a top priority in his new position.

"I am honored to have been appointed Director of the Department of Museums and Historic Sites," said Hinson. "Working daily to increase knowledge of our Chickasaw history, language and culture through museum and historic site interpretation is a privilege. I find great personal and professional satisfaction in working for and with my Chickasaw people."

Hinson has been employed by the Tribe since 2004, most recently as Manager of the Chickasaw Nation Photographic Archives. He also served as curator/manager of the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo. Prior to working for the Chickasaw Nation, Hinson was an Acquisitions Consultant at the Adobe Gallery, Albuquerque, and director/curator for the Clover Virginia Shore Art Gallery, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas.

He graduated magna cum laude in 2001 from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor's degree in art. He anticipates earning a master's degree from the University of New Mexico this year.

An accomplished artist, Hinson created the pen and ink drawing "Earth Diver," which was featured on the cover of the Chickasaw Historical Society 2005 Calendar.

He and his wife, Mika, and their two sons, Levi and Noah, live in Ada.

Hinson is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, American Association of Museums, Native American Art Studies Association, American Association of Museums, and Central Church of Christ in Ada.

In his spare time, Hinson enjoys creating graphic and traditional arts and making stickball sticks. He also participates in the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program.

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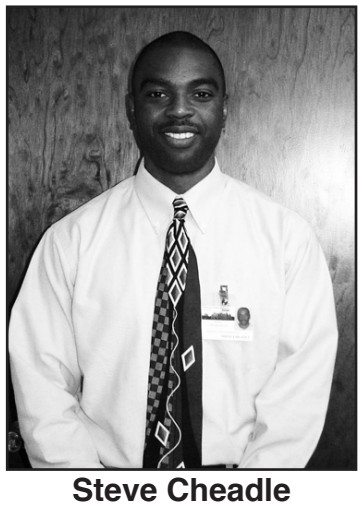
Cheadle named Upward Bound director



Steve Cheadle

Steve Cheadle was recently appointed as the director of trio programs for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search program.

Mr. Cheadle most recently served as Educational Talent Search program manager at East Central University, his alma mater. During his five-years in this position, he helped low income and potential first-generation college students reach their educational goals. Prior to his position at ECU, he worked as a qualified mental health professional, counseling children and teenagers.

Mr. Cheadle earned a bachelor's degree from ECU and went on to obtain a master's degree in human resource counseling from the Ada university. He also served in the U.S. Navy and is currently the Commanding Officer of the 1245th Transportation Company in Madill, Okla.

In 2003, his unit was deployed to Iraq for one year, where he served as a platoon leader. After his tour, he was awarded a Bronze Star for bringing his entire platoon home safely.

Mr. Cheadle is a native of Tishomingo. He and his wife have four children. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Tishomingo, and is a former board member of the Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America, the Tishomingo City Council, and the Family Medical Center of Southern Oklahoma.

In his free time, he enjoys spending quality time with his wife and four children.

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Head Start students 'immersed' in Chickasaw language during summer

Swimming at the Wellness Center.

June 4, 2007 began the pilot project: *Chickasaw Immersion Class* within the Ada Chickasaw Nation Head Start After School Program for children ages 3 - 5. Students who participate in the program will be immersed in the language 17 hours each week through the month of June. During the immersion project children will focus on Chickasaw words for: animals, colors, numbers, names commands, foods and common phrases. The students will be taught the language by fluent speaker and employee of the Division of Education, Vera Tims.

Each week the children will participate in field trips that will allow them to use and learn new Chickasaw words in a fun environment. The first field trip was to the Wellness Center for an afternoon of swimming. On this day JoAnn Ellis, guest speaker taught the children Chickasaw words relating to water such as: swim, jump, duck and fish. Splashes and smiles invaded the pool as the children enjoyed the afternoon of speaking Chickasaw.

Week two took the little ones to the Community Gardens showing them to grow and care for various plants and flowers. The children had a blast as they explored the colorful, exciting gardens.

The fun is not over for the little ones yet. The next stop will be Arbuckle Wilderness and then Kullihoma. Each adventure allows the children to use the Chickasaw language in an exciting way. Along with field trips the children will learn and speak Chickasaw in the classroom while going through daily activities.

Visiting the Community Gardens.

Seniors visit state capitol

Purcell and Pauls Valley Chickasaw senior citizens attended "Bob Wills Day" recently at the Oklahoma State Capitol. State Rep. Lisa Johnson Billy, far right, a Chickasaw, invited the senior sites.

Colbert reunion September 7 at Tuscumbia Landing

On April 15, 2007 Tuscumbia Landing was designated a Certified Historic site by the National Park Service.

This is the first site certification in the state of Alabama and the most significant. The landing was used during Removal and is an example of multiple transportation uses. The train bed, the wagon road and the landing itself are still visible and the landing still maintains its integrity.

Sheffield's West Carter Park is on a bluff overlooking Tuscumbia Landing. The park has been closed for many years but renovations have been made to the pavilions and many other renovations are being made. The development of the park has not disturbed the landing site.

Sheffield will open the park on September 7, 2007 for the Colbert Family Reunion. This event will take place at 5 p.m. in the afternoon. Tuscumbia Landing will also be open at this time.

Reed Kirkland will give an update on the progress of the Tharp Cemetery where Nancy Colbert is buried. The Southeastern Anthropology Institute will be present along with members of the Natchez Trace Genealogy Society. Local historians and city representatives are also invited.

The Walk of Life will be Saturday morning after the dedication by the National Park Service.

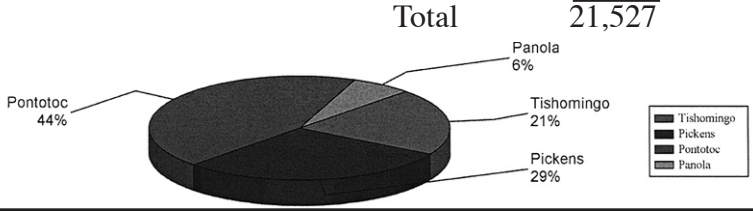
For more information call 256-381-0700.

Swimming champ

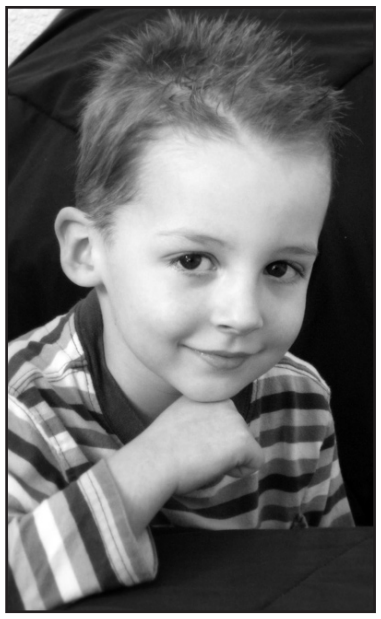
2007 World Swimming Champion Margaret Hoelzer, center, signed autographs and posed for pictures on June 15 at All American Swim Supply in Collierville, Tenn. Pictured with Margaret are Blake and Logan Havern, of Collierville. Blake and Logan are the great-grandsons of the late Charline Penner Von Tunglen, who was born in Mill Creek, Okla., in 1914.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,479	Panola	1,398
Pickens	6,275	Pontotoc	9,375
		Total	21,527



Gavin Michael and Madison Jean Storkel

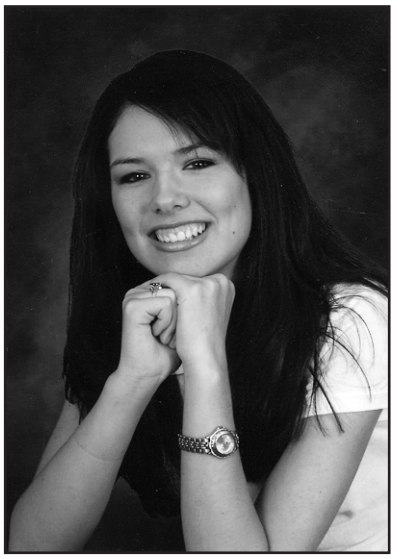


Our Grandchildren, Gavin Michael Storkel, 4, and Madison Jean Storkel, 2, have supplied us not only with a generous amount of joy, surprise, affection, and wisdom - they have offered us a brighter, more hopeful view of our world and our fellow beings.

Their simplicity of heart and lack of guile, their loving words and actions their genuine consideration for the feelings and needs of others is beautiful to see as they imitate the goodness, industry, and honesty of not only their parents, but of other significant individuals with whom they interact. We are very grateful for our children and our children's children. It is through their eyes and dreams and voices by their innocent and honest love that you and I and all creation regain hope, nurture wisdom, carry on, hold fast to our dreams and grow young and wise again.

Gavin and Madison are our greatest accomplishments, and the most treasured beings in our lives. They have taught us the true meaning of family and how important that can be. They are always there to make us laugh, and to make us strive to be better parents. We love them both and thank them everyday for the opportunity to be there for them.

Jennifer Morgan Friesen



Jennifer Morgan Friesen is a 2007 graduate of Weatherford High School, Weatherford, Okla. She is the daughter of Chris and Brenda Friesen. She is the granddaughter of Carol and Terry Minzey, Elmore City, Okla., and the niece of Chickasaw Legislator Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott.

Jennifer was involved in DECA(president, treasurer and secretary), FCCLA (reporter), Student Council (sergeant at arms, treasurer), FAT (vice president), Key Club, accounting, FCA, Eagle Ambassador, Early Bird Reader, class officer, a member of EBC youth, voted Best Personality and spring homecoming candidate.

Jennifer plans to attend college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford.

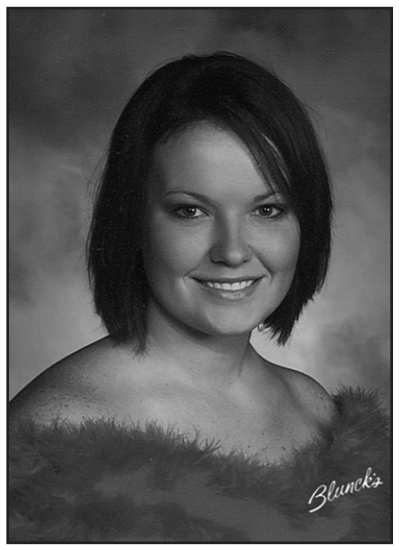
Lauren Ashley Frank

Lauren Ashley Frank is a 2007 graduate of Tomball High School, Tomball, Texas. She is the daughter of Kevin and Brenda Frank. She is the granddaughter of Barbara LaPrade and the late Bennie LaPrade and Beverly Harrison and the late Vernon M. Frank. She is the great-granddaughter of W.W. Perkins, Jr., an original enrollee.

Lauren danced competitively for five years for Texas Dance Alliance senior team. She graduated in the top 11% of her class and was active in National Honor Society for two years. She was also active in Spanish Honor Society, FCCLA, yearbook, student council, and served as an officer in the Red Cross Club.

Lauren plans to attending the University of Texas, Austin.

Taylor Frost

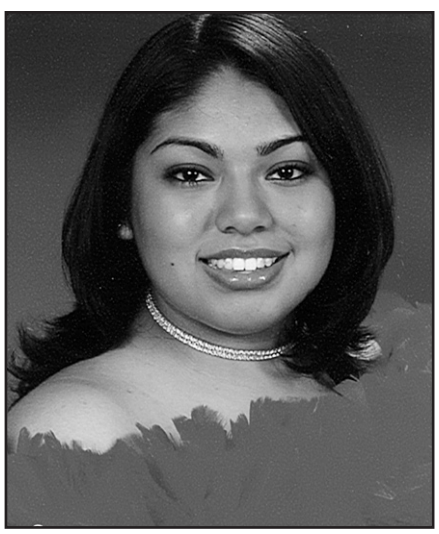


Taylor Frost is a 2007 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. She is the daughter of Vernon and Tina Frost. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Linda Frost, and Edith McElhaney and the great-granddaughter of the late Lillian Fowler.

Taylor was active in basketball and softball. She is a member of the Governor's Honor Roll and was a student at Mid American Technology School for the past two years in health science. She has been a member of HOSA for the past two years.

Taylor plans to continue her education in nursing.

Samantha Marie Villanueva



Samantha Marie Villanueva is a 2007 graduate of Skyline High School, Dallas. She is the daughter of Antonio and Stephanie Villanueva. She is the granddaughter of Timothy and Sally Yellowfish, Mesquite, Texas.

Samantha was active in volleyball and senior projects. During her school years, she volunteered in various capacities for the American Indian community, the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas, Bear Claw Drum group and DISD American Indian Education Program (PAC), various softball clubs and ROTC.

Samantha is currently attending community college to receive her associate's degree and plans to transfers to the University of Texas.

Cristina Edelman

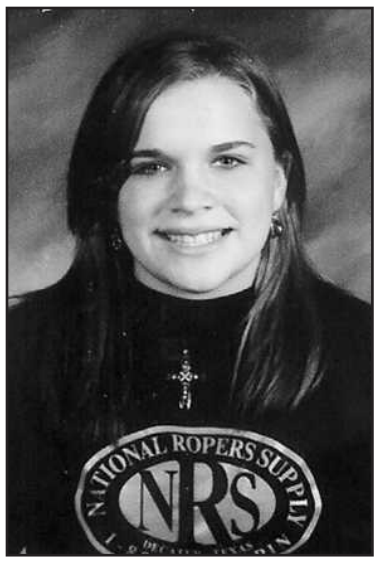
Cristina Edelman has recently earned a master's degree in school counseling from Wichita State University. She graduated with honors during the May 12, 2007 commencement ceremonies.

Ms. Edelman has served as the Native American Teaching Specialist under the Title VII program for Kansas USD 259 for the past three years. She plans to begin work on her Licensed Practicing Clinician's certification in the fall.

She is the daughter of Lynn Stumblingbear and granddaughter of Julia Cheadle Byrd, of Ada.

Jorden Elliott, Kaitlin Rogers, Piper Norvell honored

Outstanding Chickasaw students recognized



Jorden Elliott

Beth Campbell, left, presents Kaitlin Rogers with the Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award.

Piper Norvell

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education has established a new program to identify, recognize encourage and award high achieving Chickasaw students.

The Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement program awards an outstanding student each month based on achievement in art, athletics, band, dance, FFA/FHA, journalism, music, theatre/drama or other area.

Students receive an engraved plaque and a $25 Walmart gift card for their achievement.

"This is a great program for our students," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It provides the opportunity for students who excel in all areas of life to be recognized for their hard work and dedication."

Chickasaw students in grades two through 12 can be nominated. There are no residential boundary restrictions as this program is funded by revenues generated by Chickasaw Nation businesses. For more information or to receive an application, contact Beth Campbell or Callie Roebuck at (580) 421-7712.

Award Winners:

The Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement award was recently presented to **Jorden Elliott**, a 10th grade student at Wright City (OK) High School.

Jorden was nominated by Nathan Coulter, Wright City Future Farmers of America (FFA) Instructor, for outstanding achievement in FFA leadership and equine programs. According to Coulter, Jorden served as Wright City FFA Treasurer throughout the 2006-2007 school year and was instrumental in implementing a new program called PALS which encourages junior high and high school FFA members to mentor elementary students.

Jorden is highly involved in her equine program as she cares for and trains several horses used for pleasure as well as competing in team roping competitions across the region. She is a member of the United States Team Roping Championship (USTRC) and also enjoys barrel racing as well.

Jorden currently serves as a Wright City Student Council member and has been a member of the Wright City 4-H Club and the McCurtain County 4-H Club for several years. She was elected as the Wright City 4-H President for four years and the McCurtain County 4-H Recreational Leader for one year.

She has received several awards for her work in 4-H and FFA including the FFA Star Greenhand award and Discovery FFA Degree. Through FFA, has become involved in the Forestry Career Development Events.

When not competing or working on FFA projects, Jorden enjoys riding her 4-wheelers, hunting, fishing and riding horses.

Jorden is the daughter of Travis and Debbie Elliott.

The Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement award was recently presented to **Kaitlin Rogers**, a 12th grade student at Calera (OK) High School.

Kaitlin was nominated by Marilla Parker, Calera High School counselor, for outstanding achievement in leadership and Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs. Parker says Kaitlin's accomplishments in FFA are "truly impressive." Some of those accomplishments include champion and grand champion hog and showman at various stock shows and expos across the state, placing as a state qualifier in speech contests and serving as an FFA National Convention delegate.

Kaitlin is also highly involved in other leadership positions including senior class president, student council secretary, yearbook editor and FFA vice-president. She has maintained a 3.9 grade point average through her high school career earning her way onto the Principal's Honor Roll for four years and is a regular curriculum contest participant.

She is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Club and has also been involved with the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council in Panola District.

Kaitlin's future plans include attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University and later transferring to Oklahoma State University.

Her hobbies include spending time with her family and friends and raising and showing swine. She is also an active member of the Lake Point Community Church.

Kaitlin is the daughter of Tracy and Kim Rogers and big sister to twins, Kirsten and Madison.

The Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement award was recently presented to **Piper Norvell**, a 12th grade student at Frederick (OK) High School.

Piper was nominated by Kimberly Cassidy, Frederick Public Schools computer/technology teacher, for outstanding achievement in journalism. Cassidy says that Piper played a major role in her yearbook and video production classes and, as a senior, served as the editor of the Bomber News Network (BNN) production. She also stated that Piper "held the presentation and production of the program to high standards."

Piper has also excelled academically earning a weighted GPA of 4.04 and ranking second in her class. She is a member of the Oklahoma and National Honor Societies, Superintendent's Honor Roll and Rotary. She was named *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Rotary Student of the Month and was chosen for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards leadership camp.

Although Piper has stayed busy in the classroom, she has also participated in numerous extracurricular activities including varsity golf, varsity slow-pitch softball, varsity basketball, FFA and academic team.

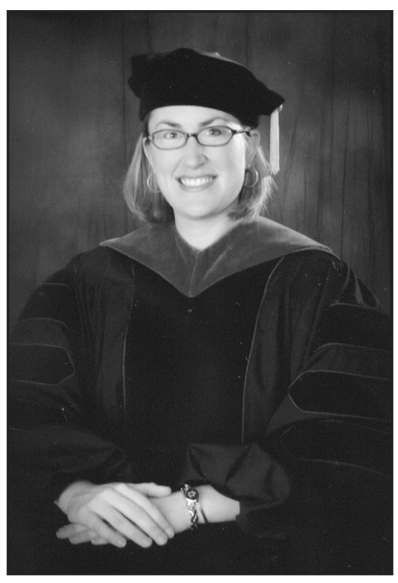
In the future, Piper plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in journalism, broadcasting and electronic media.

In her spare time, Piper volunteers at the First United Methodist Church and Tillman County Fair barn. She enjoys reading science fiction and adventure novels and baking.

Piper is the daughter of Marc and Dana Norvell.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Jennifer L. Ivie



Jennifer L. Ivie has recently earned her Ph.D from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Ivie received her doctorate in quantitative psychology at KU in March.

She presently serves as assistant professor of psychology at California State University, Fresno, where she researches statistical methods, testing and psychometrics, mathematical reasoning and cognitive process modeling.

Dr. Ivie is a University of Kansas McNair Scholar.

She is the daughter of Dawn Lytal.

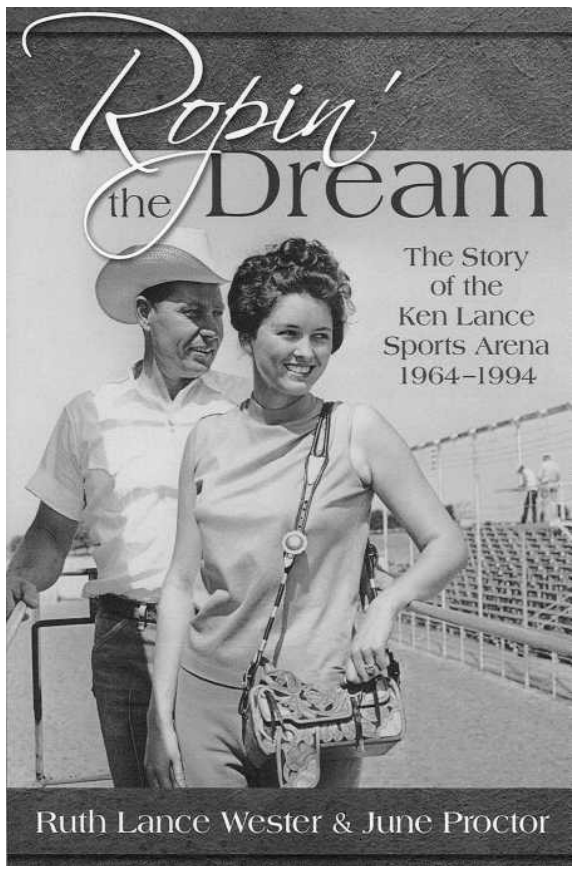
Chickasaw Hall of Famer, Pontotoc County rodeo promoter

'Ropin' the Dream' tells story of beloved cowboy Ken Lance

Half of the team that built the legendary Ken Lance Sports Arena recently hosted a book signing at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, which attracted about 100 people.

"Ropin' the Dream - The Story of the Ken Lance Sports Arena 1964-1994" - co-authors Ruth Lance Wester and June Proctor hosted the book signing Wednesday, June 20. The book tells behind-the-scene stories of the Lances' work and efforts to produce what became the second largest rodeo in the United States. Gov. Bill Anoatubby said Mr. Lance was inducted a 1998 inductee to the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame because of his dedication as a rodeo promoter and his work on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Ken Lance's work has made a positive, lasting impact on the Chickasaw Nation as well as the world of rodeo," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The Chickasaw Nation is certainly fortunate to count Ken Lance among our own. We all benefit from Ken Lance and believe that his accomplishments will never be forgotten." The authors spent 11 years researching newspapers and other archives and conducting personal interviews before drafting the book. "Ken told June and I a lot of history, and he arranged for interviews for the book," said Wester. "The stories are a part of Oklahoma history," said Proctor, who is Wester's sister. Interviews were conducted in person, by phone, by mail and email. The authors would ask interviewees to share their memories of Ken Lance and the Sports Arena, and those thoughts are directly quoted in the book. "They could tell the story word-for-word better than I ever could," said Proctor. Among those who share reflections in the book are Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Reba McEntire, Red Steagall, rodeo announcer Jan Storey. The ladies said they teamed up to write the book because running the arena was a family affair, and their lives were always intertwined. Ken, his father, Dea, and his brother George put up the first poles to build the arena, located outside Ada at Union Valley. "Usually, it takes a corporation to run this kind of facility, but we did it as a family," said Ruth, pointing to a photo of the large facility. The arena was built on a "watermelon patch" in Union Valley, southwest of Ada. It was an overnight success. "Cars were lined up to the road on opening night, and they put up the last panel four hours before the first rodeo began," said Wester. Mr. Lance, who later in life became a fixture as a greeter and helper at Carl Albert Hospital in Ada, died in 2006. Books are available for $16.95, and $2 from the purchase price of every book sold benefits the 3-Crosses/Ken Lance Arena and Youth Camp. Books are available at the Chickasaw Outpost and other retail outlets.



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OKC Council meets for potluck, makes parade float plans

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council will have a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3 and monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright will be our guest performer.

Please bring your favorite side dish for dinner.

We may need to put some finishing touches on our brush arbor float that night after the meeting. The OKCMCCC plans to appear in the July 4 Liberty Fest Parade in Edmond. Everyone is welcome to join us on the float. Wear traditional clothing if possible.

Linda Zachary and Sharon Moore deserve a pat on the back for the fantastic job of organizing our Annual Summer Picnic held on June 9. These two must have some clout to arrange for the Blue Angels to perform overhead while James Zachary and Richard Seaborn were grilling delicious hamburgers and hot dogs at Kiwanis Park South in Midwest City.

The amazing Shackleford Family performed at the picnic.

These students have wonderful voices and they were in perfect harmony as they sang in our native language. They also performed a short skit in the Chickasaw language which won awards at a recent native language contest. These children have earned our respect and admiration for their hard work.

James Parker entertained us at the June 5 Council meeting. Dressed in 1800s cowboy attire, he talked about the Texans who drove cattle through the Chickasaw Nation on the Chisholm Trail. Mr. Parker has appeared around the world discussing the details of this unusual adventure. He was accompanied by his wife, Mary Jo, who was dressed in a floor length calico dress and bonnet.

We were very pleased to have John Hovarter return to our council meeting after recovering from surgery.

July 10 is the deadline to pay a $50 deposit and get your name on the list for the bus trip to Tupelo, Mississippi. Contact Pat Bartmess at 405-703-0549, Pam Conard at 405-737-1109 or Betty Smith at 405-348-7459 to be included.

With the help of Chickasaw scholar LaDonna Brown, the committee has planned an exciting itinerary for our journey to the homeland. This will include a stop in Memphis, Tennessee to visit Chucalissa Museum and the Chickasaw Bluff trail.

There are so many sites to visit in the Tupelo area that it is impossible to see them all. The weather will help determine where we go as some sites have inadequate roads for rainfall.

Some Mississippi destinations, which may be included on this trip are: Cedarscape, Pharr Mounds, historic village site, Battle of Akia site, Tishomingo State Park, Saddleback Ridge, Memorial at Longview Hospital, Union County Historical Museum, Bear Creek, and, of course, the Natchez Trace. We will certainly not be able to see all of these. However, we aim to visit as many destinations as possible.

Congratulations to Mamie Painter who has been selected by the Chickasaw Nation to have her portrait displayed in the Cultural Center being built in Sulphur.

Sue Fish taught a double wall basket weaving class in May and everyone was able to complete their basket.

Twenty-two folks have signed up for the Moccasin Class to be taught by Jerry Underwood on July 19 and 20.

Mr. Underwood will bring the pattern, deerskin, needle and leather thread. The cost per student for an adult pair of moccasins is approximately $20

Each student in the Moccasin Class will need to bring pencils, sharp scissors or circular cutter, jewelers or regular pliers and two or three wooden or plastic clothes pins (with spring). If available, also bring a square piece of plywood board 1/8" or 1/4" thick, 12" x 12" or 18" x 18" to protect the table while you cut the leather.

If you want to take the Moccasin Class, contact Chair Betty Smith at 405-348-7459. A second class may be added if needed.

We thank Tribal Legislators Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green and Judy Goforth Parker for attending our Council meetings and activities. They are always willing to help our members.

Remember to bring a copy of the oldest photo of your Chickasaw ancestor to our Council. We plan to decorate our walls with these photos in memory of those trailblazers. You may be surprised when someone else has a photo of your ancestor and learn you are related.

Stormy Bryant has taken on the task of updating our website. You can call Stormy at 405-755-6983 to announce events, include Indian related stories or post photos. Stormy will attempt to eliminate those unwanted pop-ups. Check out our website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Remember the OKCMCCC has moved to a new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities.

Central and South Texas council hears of Chickasaw Talking Dictionary

The Northern Section of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central and South Texas met on May 17, 2007 at the Bee Cave City Hall. The group socialized and discussed plans for future meetings.

We continue to have a major interest in learning more of our culture and especially of our language. We saw a demonstration of the Chickasaw Talking Dictionary and enjoyed hearing words pronounced. The group also listened to several recordings made by TeAta in which she told several stories. In one recording, TeAta and a Pawnee friend explained how a council meeting would be held and how a peace pipe ceremony would have been conducted.

Jay Hurst also gave a brief summary of his recent participation in an Indian Conference at the University of Oklahoma. He told of several new ways that various Indian Nations are teaching the children about their heritage, culture and language.

The next meeting was announced for Sunday, June 24, 2007. After light refreshments, the meeting adjourned. For further information regarding the Northern Section of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central & South Texas, please contact Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or genevivianthompson@hotmail.com.

Tribal Arts & Humanities meets with Wichita community council

The Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita met Saturday, June 16. The council welcomed Lona Barrick, Lori Robbins, Kelly Isom and Laura Morrison from the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Department. This was a very interesting meeting and everyone seemed to have a lot of questions for our guests.

The council also welcomed Mrs. Linda Giles, from the Department of Special Events.

The council elected officers since the last meeting lacked a quorum. We only had two changes in officers. The next meeting will be July 15, 2007 at the Indian Methodist Church at 3 p.m. See you there!

MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Tip of the Month!

A low impact activity that is great for the body is swimming. Swimming is beneficial for those who need to be careful during exercise. The Moccasin Trail Program congratulates the following for achieving over the 1,000 mile goal. Kerri Christian, Betty Griffith, Holly Hatton, Joshua Hatton and Robert Martin. Congrats ladies and gentlemen!

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
1800 Jack John Circle
Ada, OK
Lura Mullican
580-272-5085
l.mullican@chickasaw.net

Connerville Area
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Connerville, OK
Tony Poe
580-421-4994
tony.poe@chickasaw.net

Duncan Chickasaw Community Council
Meetings held quarterly
Call for time and location
Sherri Rose, Chair
580-255-0152
wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net

Johnston County
Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Community Building
1109 Ray Branum Road
Tishomingo, OK
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Enos Fire Department
Enos, OK
Sarah Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
lsar747@duracom.net

Northern Pontotoc
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center
400 NW 32nd Hwy. 37
Newcastle, OK
Tom Hogland, Chair
405-381-2268

OKC Metro
Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor
4005 N.W. Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK
Betty Smith, Chair
405-348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1603 S. Green Ave.
Purcell, OK
Keith Shackleford, Chair
405-527-5745
lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

COLORADO ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am
Denver, CO
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA ~~~

Inland Empire/Desert Cities
Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
San Gorgonio Hospital
Education Conference Room
600 N. Highland Springs
Banning, CA
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

KANSAS ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church
1111 N. Meridian
Wichita, KS
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

TEXAS ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council of Central and South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Meetings held quarterly
Call for time and location
Michele Moody, Chair
210-492-2288
mmoody@docuguides.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 3:00 pm
Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas
209 East Jefferson Blvd.
Dallas, Texas
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Injunjon2@verizon.net
Linda Hewitt, Secretary
214-543-1080
Lhewitt903@earthlink.net

Ada teen wins 'Best In Show' at annual Indian art show

Chickasaw student artists place at Red Earth Festival

Courtney Parchcorn

Four Chickasaw students made good showings at the annual Red Earth Youth Art Competition, with one local student winning the overall "Best In Show" award.

The 21st annual Red Earth festival, conducted in Oklahoma City June 1-3, is the largest and most respected Native

American visual and performing arts event of its type in the world. The Chickasaw Nation was well represented.

Courtney Parchcorn, 17, of Ada; Brooke Shackleford, 13, of Lexington; Me-Way-Seh Greenwood, 11, of Edmond; and Adreanna Oliver all placed in the annual youth art competition.

"We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of these Chickasaw students," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "They are great examples of the many talented young Chickasaws who are helping preserve Chickasaw culture and traditions for future generations. We commend all these students for their hard work and dedication."

Courtney Parchcorn, who will be a senior this fall at Byng High School, won "Best In Show" for her entry in the Youth Art Competition, Division 3, at Red Earth.

Her entry, a beaded cane, placed first in the Cultural Item competition prior to the judges naming it "Best In Show." The honor is Courtney's second consecutive "Best In Show" award. She also received "Best In Show" in 2006 for a beaded flute entry.

Courtney's work was judged best among 207 youth entries from around the U.S., said Red Earth officials.

Earning the award was "bittersweet," said the teenager.

The cane, entitled "For All The Grandfathers" was intended to be given to her maternal grandfather, Franklin D. "R. L." Allen, a full-blood Chickasaw.

Unfortunately, Mr. Allen died May 19, just as Courtney was working on the eagle section of the cane. The three eagles pay homage to her Grandfather, a Korean War veteran.

"I was half-way done with it," she said, wiping a tear from her eye, when her mother called her and told her "Pa-Pa" had died.

"I kept finishing it, just to turn it in (for the Red Earth competition)."

Her grandfather, who died at 77, never saw the cane.

"He knew I was working on it but he didn't know I was going to give it to him," Courtney said.

Courtney and her father, Buddy, designed the cane to portray all the life-lessons learned from Grandfathers. She also learned that "a really great man still gave her love and memories after his time of passing so I could finish this project."

She worked on the entry about six months, while juggling school work. Without the demands of school, she said, it would have taken about a week to string over 9,000 beads.

She said she was happy when she learned of her "Best of Show" award, but, she has decided to sell the cane. The memories attached to it are too painful.

A bracelet, entitled "Bear Clan" she made "on a whim" and entered in Red Earth earned an "Honorable Mention" from the judges.

Her father began to teach her the art of bead work at the age of 13. She doesn't make jewelry for herself, though.

"I just bead to compete," she said. "I'd see what was messed up with it and not want to wear it."

Courtney lives in the Ada area with her father and mother, Fran. She is spending her summer as a summer youth worker with the Arts and Humanities Division of the Chickasaw Nation. After graduation, she would like attend the Institute of American Indian Arts, in Santa Fe, N.M., but she is keeping her college options open.

Brooke Shackleford, a 13-year-old Chickasaw student from Lexington, placed second in Cultural Items, Division II for her painting "Soba Ilhpokona" or "Horse Dreams" at the youth art competition. The large acrylic/ watercolor painting depicts a horse rearing with a dream catcher in the background. She completed the painting during the after-school arts program, "Arts In Education" sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

"I worked on three (paintings) and that was the one that was entered," she said.

This is Brooke's first time to participate in Red Earth.

"We were surprised it went to Red Earth," said her father, Keith.

Brooke is home-schooled by her father and her mother, Mary, in Lexington, along with her brother Dale and sisters Skye, Amanda, and Katherine. In her spare time, she enjoys beading, painting, and martial arts.

Also placing at the competition was **Me-Way-Seh Greenwood**, 11, of Edmond, who placed second in Cultural Items Division 1 with his parfleche, a case made of rawhide typically used for holding dried meats. He also placed first in Painting/ Drawing with his drawing of a very colorful bird titled, "Tvske" (little bird that talks a lot).

He is the son of Brent and Kennetha Greenwood, and will be entering the sixth grade this fall at Cheyenne Middle School in Edmond.

Chickasaw student **Adreanna Oliver**, Blanchard, placed third in Pottery, Division I. She is the daughter of Sandra Oliver.

Other Chickasaw citizens participating in Red Earth included

Saela Beninati, Brandon Blankenship, Lea Bob, Daniel Carpenter, Alysia Carter, Rhyann Case, Joel Hamdy, Micah Hart, Amanda Kretzschmak, Amber Lampkin, Addison Manning, Casey Oliver, Brittani Schultz, Connor Thomas, Hunter Thomas, Norma Howard, Susie Johnston, Charles H. Kemp, Fran Rice, Jerry Riddle, Margaret Wheeler, Daniel Worcester.

Red Earth, Inc., is an educational nonprofit organization working to promote the rich traditions of American Indian arts and cultures through education, festival, a museum and fine art markets. The Red Earth Festival highlights the diversity of American Indian cultures in the region and the country, doing so in an environment of the utmost quality and respect for both the artist and participant.

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Chikasha Sayah Camp Applications

Students interested in learning more about their heritage and culture still have time to register for an exciting Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Camp.

Chikasha Sayah Camp, for boys and girls ages 8 – 12, is still accepting applications. The deadline is July 9, so apply quickly!

This overnight camp takes place on the campus of Camp WOW in Gerty, Oklahoma, August 3 – 5. It offers an exciting opportunity for students to learn more about Chickasaw heritage and culture through participation in stickball games, stomp dancing, archery, arts and crafts, storytelling, language lessons and traditional food preparation and tasting.

Campers will also have time to relax and enjoy all the outdoor fun Camp WOW has to offer, such as water sports, volleyball and basketball, obstacle course, zip line and games.

Transportation will be provided to and from Ada, Purcell, Ardmore, Davis and Tishomingo.

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's CDIB card and Chickasaw citizenship card. More information about the camp and applications can be found online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or by calling the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division at (580) 310-6620.

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Tribal Golf Camp teaches students life lessons

Winning first place in the scramble among the older golfers was the team of, from left, Rance Gilliam, Rachael Wainscott, Tyler Lampkin, and Brysen Lance.

The team of, from left, Seth Hensley, Katie Williams, Kayla Jo Wood and Dean Hill, were the second place winners in the scramble.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. – More than 125 Chickasaw Youth perfected their golfing skills during the seventh annual Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp, June 11-14 at Winstar Golf Course.

This is the first year the camp has been offered at Winstar, and the facilities earned rave reviews from golfers and coaches alike.

Eighty-five beginning golfers, ages eight to14, took their turns on the green Monday and Tuesday, June 11 and 12. Advanced players took their turns Wednesday and Thursday, said Chris Alford, camp director.

"The skill developed by these aspiring golfers during this camp can be used both on and off the greens," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Golf teaches self-discipline and respect for others, and helps foster a strong work ethic."

Beginners competed in a variety of skill contests including putting and driving competitions on the last day of camp.

Novice and advanced players competed in a scramble the last day of camp. Groups of four made up the teams playing a round of golf.

Wining first place in the scramble with a score of 59 (13 under par) was the team of Tyler Lampkin, Brycen Lance, Rachel Wainscott, and Rance Gilliam.

Second place with a score of 61 (11 under par) was the team of Dean Hill, Seth Hensley, Katie Williams and Kayla Wood.

Rachel Wainscott and Brittney Frazier, both 14, said they enjoyed the scramble, and learning new tips from the coaches.

Rachel, a Byng eighth grader, said she especially enjoyed learning "how to get the ball to go in the right direction and watching where the ball can go."

A Byng School golfer, Rachel said she also enjoyed the skills rotation taught by the coaches.

Twenty-one golf coaches, from high school to former college players, guided the group through several skill development activities.

"We had a lot of golfing knowledge to draw from for the camp," said seven-year volunteer coach Britt Johnson, who works as a physical therapy manager for the Tribe.

"We had at least seven coaches who are tied to the East Central University Golf Camp."

Most coaches come back to help with the camp year after year, like Richard "Dickie" Norman, a high school coach from Saginaw, Texas.

This year, he even brought his grandson to participate and help.

"It's good to come up here and work with the kids, especially the beginners," Norman said. "I had some of the same kids last year and I can see they've gotten better."

Norman said the skills learned during the camp will benefit the youngsters' future.

"Golf is a life-long sport, the skills these kids are learning now can be carried with them all through life," he said.

Some of the skills learned included chipping, driving, putting, and, of course, golf etiquette.

A small player-to-coach ratio ensured each camper received individual attention, said camp coordinator Chris Alford.

Alford said a mix of returning and new campers are selected for the camp.

Camper Haley White, 11, has been coming to Golf Camp since she was five.

Perfecting her putting skills was her favorite part of camp, along with swimming at Lake Murray Lodge, where the campers resided during the event.

"I just learned a new stance today," she said at the camp's conclusion, June 14.

Haley, a Sulphur fifth grader, said she enjoyed playing the course, and really liked the golf carts with the on-board computers.

All campers receive a set of golf clubs and have the option to trade them in for a new set after two years.

The younger golfers receive a junior set of clubs, Alford said, and graduate to an adult set as they grow.

A Native American Junior Golf Tournament, open to all Chickasaw Youth, will be hosted at Ardmore's Lakeview Golf Course, Monday, July 23. A $20 entry fee covers green fees, golf balls and lunch.

Members of Team Chickasaw will be selected from the scores of players ages 11-18. Younger players are invited to play, but are not eligible to qualify for the team.

Team Chickasaw will compete in the National Native American Junior Golf Championship, set for 2008.

Winners of the putting drive competition were:

8 and 9-Year-Old-Girls
First - Karsyn Johnson
Second – Abigail Gamble
10 and 11-Year-Old-Girls
First - Madison Riddle
Second – Madison Heydel
12 to14-Year-Old-Girls
First - Destiny Hatton
Second – Morgan Heyel
8 and 9-Year-Old-Boys
First - Dalton Morris
Second – Stephen Childers
10-11-Year-Old-Boys
First - Cody Powell
Second – Alec Cripps
12 and 14-Year-Old Boys
First – Tyler Gillespie
Second – Sequoyah Lindsey

Winners in the Long Drive Competition:

8 and 9-Year-Old-Girls
First – Ashton Birchfield
Second – Mandy Bennett
10and 11-Year-Old Girls
First – Meagan Lampkin
Second – Stephanie Wade
12 to 14-Year-Old Girls
First – Morgan Heydel
Second – Stephanie Wade
8 and 9-Year-Old Boys
First – Wes Hill
Second – Stephen Childers
10-11-Year-Old Boys
First – Trey Baptiste
Second – Jacob Carmen
12 to14-Year-Old Boys
First – Kendall Garner
Second – Sequoyah Lindsey

Winners of the Chipping Competition include:

8 and 9-Year-Old Girls
First - Macy Riddell
Second Amy Harol
10-11-Year-Old-Girls
First – Madison Riddle
Second – Morgan Heydel
12 to14-Year-Old-Girls
First - Bethany Easley-Wade
Second – Mandy Bennett
8-9-Year-Old Boys
First – Isaiah Ott
Second – Dalton Morris
10 and 11-Year-Old Boys
First – Ethan Lee
Second – Jason Hogland
12 to 14-Year-Old Boys
First - Steven Harris
Second – Kendall Garner

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Macy Riddle lines up a putt during the golf camp scramble.

Golf camper Avery Johnson reacts after missing the mark on the greens during Golf Camp conducted at Winstar Golf Course in June.

Chickasaw martial arts students compete in tribal tournament

In June, the Chickasaw Nation hosted a Martial Arts Tournament at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada. More than 260 youth and adults, including 63 Chickasaw students, participated in the competition.

Several Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program students competed and placed in the competition. Those placing in their division include:

5 & Under

Hailey Acosta- Ardmore- 3rd in forms- Beginner

Cade Skinner- Purcell- 1st in forms- 2nd in fighting- Intermediate

6 & 7 Years

Alec Brownfield- Purcell- 1st in forms- 1st in fighting- Beginner

Edie Power- Ada- 3rd in forms- Beginner

Dale Shackleford- Purcell- 1st in forms- 1st in fighting- Intermediate

Dalton Skinner- Purcell- 2nd in forms- 3rd in fighting- Intermediate

Brea Schultz- Purcell- 2nd in fighting- 3rd in forms- Intermediate

8 & 9 Years

Breanna Schultz – Purcell- 1st in fighting- 2nd in forms- Intermediate

10 & 11 Forms

Katie Shackleford- Purcell- 1st in forms- Intermediate

10 & 11 Boys' Fighting

Grub Smith- Purcell- 3rd fighting- Beginner

Nicholas Johnson- Purcell- 3rd fighting- Intermediate

Colten Skinner- Purcell- 3rd fighting- Advanced

10 & 11 Girls' Fighting

Katie Shackleford- Purcell- 1st fighting- Intermediate

12 & 13 Forms

Tim Guzman- Ada- 1st forms- Beginner

Skye Shackleford- Purcell- 1st forms- Intermediate

Brooke Shackleford- Purcell- 2nd forms- Intermediate

Chigger Davidson- Ada- 1st forms- Advanced

Brittani Schultz- Purcell- 2nd forms- Advanced

Stephen L. George- Purcell- 3rd forms- Advanced

12 & 13 Boys' Fighting

Tim Guzman-Ada- 1st fighting- Beginner

Lorenzo Charqueno- Ada 1st fighting- Intermediate

Sam Stanford- Ada 3rd fighting- Intermediate

Grub Smith, of Purcell, scores with a kick to his opponent. Smith was one of more than 260 competitors at a recent martial arts tournament hosted by the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts instructor Matt Clark, right, competes against fighter Elvis Presley during recent tournament action. Clark went on to win the compitition.

Stephen L. George- Purcell- 3rd fighting- Advanced

12 & 13 Girls' Fighting

Candace Smith- Purcell- 2nd fighting- Beginner

Brooke Shackleford- Purcell- 2nd fighting- Intermediate

Skye Shackleford- Purcell- 3rd fighting- Intermediate

Chigger Davidson- Ada- 1st fighting- Advanced

Brittani Schultz- Purcell- 3rd fighting- Advanced

14 & 15 Forms

Matt Guzman- Ada- 1st forms- Advanced

14 & 15 Boys' Fighting

Matt Guzman-Ada- 1st fighting- Advanced

16 & 17 Forms

Amanda Shackleford- Purcell- 2nd forms- Intermediate

16 & 17 Girls' Fighting

Amanda Shackleford- Purcell- 1st fighting- Intermediate

Executive Forms – 35-49 years

Connie Skinner- Purcell- 1st forms- Advanced

Stephen T. George- Purcell- 2nd forms- Advanced

Executive Men's Fighting

Greg Skinner-Purcell- 1st fighting- Advanced

Stephen T. George- Purcell- 2nd fighting- Advanced

Executive Women's Fighting

Connie Skinner- Purcell- 1st fighting- Advanced

Black Belt Men's Fighting

J.D. Underwood-Ada- 3rd fighting

Black Belt Senior

Matt Clark – Ada – 1st fighting – 2nd forms

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Students learn healthy lifestyles at Camp Survivor

Overall winners of Camp Survivor Oshta-Team Homa.

This year, 111 campers from across Oklahoma and as far away as Texas and New Mexico gathered at Camp Classen in Davis for Camp Survivor Oshta.

Camp Survivor was created to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive atmosphere. The camp is open to students between the ages of 9 and 13.

"We hope that this event will teach our young people how to prevent life-altering diseases like diabetes and heart disease and foster the importance of overall wellness," said Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Campers arrived on May 29, anxious to get started in the week's festivities. Campers participated in a variety of activities throughout the week including hiking, fishing, canoeing, stickball, archery, nutrition education games and various other activities focused on physical activity, teamwork and culture.

Campers also participated in a nature walk guided by a Camp Classen staff member. Camp Classen is certified as an outdoor classroom. Through these outdoor classes, campers can build an understanding of the relationship between themselves and the environment.

The weather was not ideal during this year's camp, but according to Allen Elliott, Tribal Health Program Manager, after a few scheduling adjustments, "the week went great and they adapted to survive!"

Campers were divided into 10 teams and each team participated in various activities/challenges throughout the week. This year's overall team champion for Camp Survivor Oshta was Team Homa.

Staff members from all areas of the Chickasaw Nation came together to help host this year's camp that is sponsored by the Health System and Youth and Family Divisions of the Chickasaw Nation. Rex Pace, RN, Emergency Department Manager and Lisa Rhynes, ARNP were both available throughout the duration of camp in case any medical needs arose. The winner of this year's Favorite Male Counselor award was Matt Folsom. Favorite Female Counselor was Sonni Turtle. Folsom and Turtle are both new employees to the Youth and Family Division.

When asked what they learned about during camp, some of the responses included: "Chickasaw culture," "how to be a team and be friends," "how to keep my body healthy and to take care of my body," and "being a survivor."

Some suggested making the camp longer, while others said they wouldn't change a thing. According to one camper, "the camp rocks- its just right for me!"

Camp Survivor is one of many camps sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation. The camp is offered at no charge to Chickasaw students thanks to revenues produced by tribal businesses.

Mandy Bennett prepares for the giant swing called "The Flash." She is assisted by a YMCA Camp Classen staff member.

Relay for Life event

Chickasaw Nation employees raise over $10,000 for cancer research

Members of the Chickasaw Nation Relay for Life team show the three awards they received during the American Cancer Society's Ada event. Team members are, front row from left, Johnny Osborn, Brian Butler, Norma Hurley, Ervin Walton, Thalia Miller, Thelma Navarro and William Gaines. Back row from left, Tony Myers, Carl Ross and Mike Weems.

ADA - A group of more than 100 Chickasaw Nation employees joined together and netted over $10,000 to help fight cancer during the recent Relay for Life event, Friday, June 1 at East Central University's Norris Field.

The fund-raising effort has been under way for many months, say team members, with many employees pitching-in to help with efforts such as benefit lunches and Valentine sales. Chickasaw Nation employees have participated in Relay for Life for the past 12 years.

"We raise money year-round, including having baked potatoes lunches and stew and corn bread lunches at the Chickasaw Nation Community Gym, sales of stuffed animals and candy on Valentines, sales of theater seats from the McSwain Theater, raising donations for a chance to win a four-wheeler, and cash donations from employees and their families," said team coordinator Thalia Miller.

All their hard work culminated at Relay for Life when Chickasaw Nation team members turned over a total of $10,248.71 to the American Cancer Society. The team was awarded a large plaque and named a Platinum donor, for over $10,000 raised for the American Cancer Society.

"All the time and effort put forth by these Chickasaw Nation employees demonstrates their compassion and concern for those battling cancer," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We commend this volunteer group for their hard work and initiative to raise money for the American Cancer Society."

The night of Relay for Life, the Chickasaw Nation team also won the best decorated tent in the large team category the tent. The tent was decorated around a tropical theme, with a grass hut and large, pink flamingo at the entrance and colored lights surrounding the entire area.

"The colored lights are what caught the judge's eyes," said Miller.

The team also won first place for most sales made at a concession stand during the event. "We also sold glow necklaces and had games going on in our tent on the night of Relay," Miller said. "Our team also sold lemonade and ice-chest tea in colorful, blinking glasses."

"Our Chickasaw Nation team did great," said Miller. "More than 100 showed up to walk the track with our team, and several hundred employees helped to raised more than $10,000 for the American Cancer Society."

Relay for Life in Pontotoc County raised more than $170,000 for the American Cancer Society in 2007 and a grand total of $1,216,101 since 1996. Proceeds generated from Relay for Life fund cancer research, and prevention education. Like many people who participate in Relay for Life around the country, Miller helps out because her mother diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago and she asked to attend the Relay For Life evening where she walked with the Survivors around the track at the East Central Field.

"Once I understood what the purpose of Relay was, it became important for me to help raise money for the American Cancer Society," said Miller.

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Teams will build robots

Science and engineering program open to youth

Chickasaw Nation youth will soon be entering the "final frontier" as they accept the challenge of building a functioning robot from a variety of parts. The youth will then participate in a regional competition.

"This program can help students get really excited about math, science and engineering," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It also provides students the opportunity to work closely with adults who can explain the many opportunities available in the engineering and electronics fields."

Dr. Jack Sellers, a retired telecommunication engineer and professor, outlined the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) program to Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) participants during the June camp.

FIRST was founded, Dr. Sellers said, by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people.

"You don't have to be a math wizard to be a good team member," he said, adding teammates with a variety of talents are needed.

Dr. Sellers said the program teaches students problem-solving skills and the concept of teamwork. The competition is similar to a Pinewood Derby, he said, because all teams receive the same materials and build the 'bot to perform the same task.

Dubbed the "Super Bowl of Smarts," teams from around the country build have a six-week window to build a functioning robot from a kit of parts. Each team receives similar kits, and the robot must conform to certain weight and other criteria. After the six-week building period the robot is sent "as-is" to the competition. Teams - which can have as few as five to as many as 25 members - compete in a sporting-event type of competition, and each year the games are different.

"Shockwave" Team 1742, a FIRST team from Moore-Norman Vo-Tech, along with its sponsor, demonstrated its 2006 entry, a robot that had a hook arm capable of picking up an inflatable ring. The students operated the robot from a control station a few feet away.

In 2007's event, over 1,300 teams from seven countries competed in a game which was part soccer and part basketball game. During competition, "gracious professionalism" is practiced, meaning team helps one another. The key to the program is adult volunteers and mentors to guide and motivate the students. Many scholarships are available, including one from Oklahoma State University, for FIRST team members. In addition, up to $8 million in scholarships from corporations is available nationwide for FIRST participants, and NASA has $3 million available for rookie teams in an effort to offset the $5,000 team entry fee. The Oklahoma Legislature has also appropriated $100,000 for the FIRST program. This year, a regional competition will be conducted at Oklahoma City's Cox Convention Center in March, 2008. A training conference for new teams is set for September 15 in Stillwater. Potential members and mentors for the Chickasaw Nation FIRST team, can contact Jennifer Brown at 580-421-7711, or Dr. Jack Sellers at 918-691-3285 for more information. FIRST was established in 1989. The non-profit organization designs accessible, innovative programs to build self-confidence, knowledge and life skills while motivating young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math.

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Breastfeeding the very best option - even with little twins!

Whitney Hollingsworth with daughters Kate and Avery Hollingsworth.

By Whitney Hollingsworth

Before I planned to start a family, I knew I wanted to breastfeed any children I would have. In fact, I was looking forward to breastfeeding because I had seen the special bond that breastfeeding mothers and babies share, and I knew it was a precious gift that I wanted to give to any children I would have.

Through my jobs as a dietitian working for Children's Medical Center in Dallas, the Chickasaw Nation WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program, and working as the Chickasaw Nation Community Dietitian, I had seen firsthand the many benefits of breastfeeding. I had been fortunate in my job experience to have received training as a breastfeeding educator and to have helped breastfeeding mothers get started breastfeeding and work through any challenges they might have. Because of this experience, when I found out I was pregnant, I felt very confident about breastfeeding.

Needless to say, my confidence was somewhat shaken when I discovered I was expecting not one baby, but two! I had never even considered the possibility that I would have twins and felt very unsure about how I would handle two babies. I wanted to learn all that I could about breastfeeding twins, so I started to research, reading every bit of information I could get my hands on.

La Leche League www.lalecheleague.org and Debra Cox, Chickasaw Nation WIC lactation consultant, were great resources for me. It also really helped to talk to other mothers who had successfully breastfed twins.

One specific concern I had was that my milk supply would not be plentiful enough to completely nourish two babies. I know from talking to other mothers that many are concerned about their milk supply for even just one baby. It did not help that the nurses at my doctor's office kept trying to give me free cans of infant formula even after I told them I was going to breastfeed.

The nurses were surprised when I would not take the formula samples, and I remember one saying, "Are you sure? I know you're going to breastfeed, but this would really help to have on hand to supplement."

Though they were probably just trying to give me all of the help they could since I was expecting twins, I knew that giving my babies any supplements would actually decrease my milk supply. Through my research, I learned that true milk insufficiency is very rare, and that getting breastfeeding off to a good start soon after birth would help ensure that I would have plenty of milk for both of my babies. It helped me to understand that the more my babies nursed, the more milk my body would make. Though I was a little apprehensive about breastfeeding twins, I was determined that I would do it, no matter what challenges I would face.

Thankfully, I had a healthy pregnancy, with only a few minor complications typical of a twin pregnancy. On January 11, 2007, I delivered two healthy, full-term baby girls. Avery weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and Kate weighed in at 5 pounds, 3 ounces. Both were able to nurse within an hour after they were born. I had let my doctor and nurses know ahead of time that we did not want any bottles, infant formula or pacifiers to be given to the girls so that breastfeeding could get off to the best start possible.

Early on, I did face some challenges with breastfeeding, and I am thankful that I was determined to continue no matter what obstacles I faced. I had expressed to friends and family how important breastfeeding was to me, so everyone was very supportive. Talking to other mothers who had experienced similar challenges was also very encouraging, because they had all successfully made it through similar early obstacles and still considered breastfeeding to be a wonderful experience.

My girls are four months old now, and breastfeeding is going wonderfully! I love that I am giving my daughters something that no one else can. I know that breastfed babies have fewer illnesses, including ear infections and allergies, and I have yet to take the girls to their pediatrician for anything other than well baby check-ups.

The girls have a family history of asthma, allergies, eczema, diabetes and heart disease, and I am thrilled that breastfeeding is likely decreasing their risk for all of these health issues.

I love the convenience of nursing. I can take my babies with me anywhere and all of the nutrition they need is ready-to-go whenever they need it. I also like that I am saving so much money since I do not have to buy infant formula, which is very expensive. I plan to continue breastfeeding until the girls are at least a year old.

Breastfeeding twins, though challenging at times, is a very rewarding experience, and I would not trade it for anything in the world!

Get Fresh! demonstrations, samples at Purcell

The Get Fresh! Program participated in June Fest at Purcell on June 9, 2007.

Ruth Burrows, Food Demonstration Specialist, managed the booth at this year's event. She handed out free nutritional information and recipes promoting the Get Fresh! program and healthier eating.

She conducted demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m on how to prepare a Citrus Zest Fruit Salad. She also handed out samples of the salad and homemade granola after each demo. Ruth estimates that between 60-80 people came by her booth and she handed out 30-40 samples.

For more information on the Get Fresh! program, please call (580) 272-5506.

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Affordable Housing

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from $50 to $100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from $50 to $160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

Diet, exercise, information and fun!

Diabetes camp creates new awareness, new friendships

"Most Motivating Camper" Melva Dillard, left, and tribal health promotion specialist Shon McCage.

The Chickasaw Nation hosted Diabetes Camp May 21-25, 2007 at the Davis Microtel. There were 38 campers in attendance this year.

Throughout the week, campers participated in many activities aimed at educating them about diabetes. Blood sugars were checked at regular intervals each day and campers were served healthy meals throughout the week. Campers also had the opportunity to participate in many different exercise activities such as walking, aerobics and swimming.

Campers also took part in different education workshops such as nutrition education, foot care, diabetes and the heart, psychosocial aspects of diabetes, smoking cessation and eye care.

Phyllis Lattie and Stella Culberson are from different parts of Oklahoma, but they have forged a lasting friendship. Phyllis is from Connerville and Stella is from Seminole and both came to this year's camp to learn more about diabetes and how to control different aspects of the disease.

Phyllis learned that she was diabetic about three years ago. She came to camp hoping to get a better understanding of diabetes and a better perspective on how to handle different facets of the disease. She said she learned a lot of information at this year's camp that will help her to manage her diabetes. She learned how to keep her carbohydrates down in a healthy way from the meals they were served. The main thing that Phyllis learned was to "take care of your body and everything else will fall into place."

Stella found out she was diabetic in 2001. Her favorite part of this year's camp was learning from the other campers and counselors. She learned that keeping your sugar down is the main thing and that can be done through diet and exercise.

Henrietta Spangler from Oklahoma City enjoyed the camaraderie during the week. She enjoyed "talking, listening and learning together."

Shelly Garcia from Wynnewood learned information at this year's camp that will hopefully help future generations of her family. She learned how "to prevent my kids from becoming diabetic, to eat right and to get help when you need it- before it goes too far."

Shon McCage, Health Promotion Specialist with the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) Diabetes Care Center, was pleased with this year's camp, "we had a really good group of people this year. They were eager to learn, asked a lot of questions and participated in all the activities. Several campers mentioned that they have never been able to control their blood sugars as well as they did while at camp and this is proof that proper nutrition and physical activity are the keys to controlling your blood sugars."

This group enjoys walking together! Front from left, Jo Eva Underwood and Jackie Cervantes. Back from left, Ina Wisdom, Doug Busha and DeLoyce Throne.

During the closing ceremonies, the Most Motivating Camper award winner was Melva Dillard of Sulphur and the t-shirt design winner was Charles Rose of Ada.

Diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce and properly use insulin. Insulin is needed to convert sugar, starches and other foods into energy. Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes affecting Native Americans. Many complications are associated with diabetes including heart disease, kidney disease, and eye and foot complications. For more information on the Diabetes Camp or the CNHS Diabetes Care Center, please call (580) 421-4532.

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Imogene Winnette and Christie Byars do chair aerobics.

Great health resource now at Carl Albert

The Chickasaw Nation opened the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) on Friday, June 22 at 10 a.m. at Carl Albert Indian Hospital.

The CHIC Center is a joint effort among the Chickasaw Nation Health System, the National Library of Medicine and Computercraft to provide an on-line consumer health information center where patients can access health care information relating to specific conditions.

The CHIC Center will be located in the main lobby area of Carl Albert and will contain computers and a rolling kiosk that can be moved to different clinic lobbies.

"This project is an important step in providing crucial information that will help create and increase awareness and understanding of individual health issues," said Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Bill Lance, CNHS Administrator, echoed Gov. Anoatubby's feelings and said the Chickasaw Nation was excited to be a part of this project that will "enhance the quality of life for our patients and Chickasaw citizens."

Mr. Lance also said it was exciting to see Chickasaws bringing back to the tribe and this project is an example of "the power of Chickasaws working with Chickasaws to bring back to their people- its an extension of our family."

Computercraft is owned by Gene and Carolyn Hill. Gene is Chickasaw and originally from Pauls Valley, Okla.

From left, Carolyn Hill, Carol McCurdy, Gene Hill, Bill Lance, CNHS governing board member Wayne Roark, Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Lisa Bumpus, Amber Pollard, National Library of Health and Medicine official Gale Dutcher and Debbie Jackson dedicate the new Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC).

In coordination with the CHIC Center, CNHS will implement the use of an "e-prescription." The "e-prescription" will be given to patients by their health care provider and will consist of pre-printed website URLs that they can use to access information on disease topics or wellness information specific to them. CHIC staff will be available to assist patients during their visit to the CHIC Center. Privacy screens will be utilized so that patients can maintain confidentiality. Printers will also be available for those who prefer to print information for home review.

By providing access to credible resources, the Chickasaw Nation is hoping to help build a healthier community and reduce the health disparities faced by many Native Americans today.

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker has been involved with the CHIC Center project since inception. She urged CNHS nurses to familiarize patients with the new learning opportunities associated with CHIC because "it will only work if we use it!"

The CHIC Center will be a part of the new Carl Albert facility and will expand to serve more patients.

For more information on the CHIC Center, please contact Debbie Jackson at (580) 421-4587.

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Upward Bound orientations prepare students

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs conducted two parent/student orientations in May at the Chickasaw Microtel conference room in Davis and the Murray State College (MSC) ballroom in Tishomingo. The orientations help prepare students to attend the summer academic session at MSC.

Students also had their pictures taken for identification badges. The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police conducted a drug dog demonstration to support the no drug tolerance policy of the program.

Students moved into McKee Hall on May 29 and started their classes May 30. Classes offered for the summer include algebra I & II, calculus, geometry and trigonometry, biology, zoology, chemistry and physics, English literature and composition, geography, computer science, Spanish and life skills.

Students also enjoyed a field trip to the movie theater in Ada for the first week's evening activity. Bridge students moved into the new Aggie Suites to begin their college credit classes on June 4. For more information on the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs, please call (580) 371-9903.

Chickasaw Foundation's 6th Annual Cultural Evening

Please mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Kullihoma for our 6th Annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. We will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month Tara Lofton

Tara Lofton

The Chickasaw Foundation recently established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display good citizenship, respectful for peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and a positive academic work ethic.

Ms. Tara Lofton was selected the May 2007 Student of the Month.

She will be a junior at Fox High School and is new to the Upward Bound program this year. Tara has three sisters who live in Tatums. Her hobbies include horseback riding, reading, watching TV, babysitting, riding four-wheelers, hiking, swimming and writing.

She has been on the principal's honor roll for the last eight years and the superintendent's honor roll for the previous two. Tara is listed in "*Who's Who Among American High School Students*" and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Tara has received awards in literature, reading, perfect attendance, algebra I and algebra II. She has volunteered at the Healdton Nursing Home, T-Okie Club and the Pick-Up Trash Day. She plans to attend college, become a doctor and make her dreams all realities one day.

Chickasaw Foundation receives grants for learning, nutrition

From left, Nancy Thomason, office of management and budget; Lynne Chatfield, manager of the Chickasaw Nation Adult Learning Program; Kennedy Brown, chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation; and Johnna R. Walker, executive director of the Chickasaw Foundation; receive the Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant.

Thalia Miller, left, and Johnna R. Walker looking over the seeds received from the America the Beautiful Fund Grant.

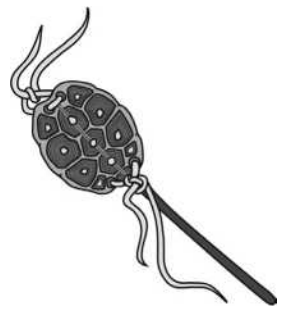
The Chickasaw Foundation has recently received two grants from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and the America the Beautiful Fund

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant is a $15,000 grant to provide funding for The Chickasaw Nation's adult learning program. The funds will be used to purchase Read On!, a research-based reading intervention software system designed to diagnose reading deficiencies and prescribe instruction for adults who are reading below the ninth grade level.

The America the Beautiful Fund grant is for flower, herb and vegetable seeds. The seeds will be utilized by the Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens program. The seeds are given to Chickasaw Nation seniors, needy Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans citizens.

Every spring vegetable plants are provided for senior citizens to use in their gardens, and provided to low-income citizens who need garden vegetables. The seniors enjoy growing some of their own plants from seeds. For the past few years, these seeds have been provided to them through this fund.

It is a worthwhile project and the people who receive them are very appreciative.



Foundation art auction issues call for artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 16, 2007. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers. Last year we had over 25 pieces of artwork and would like to see the number double this year.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

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Chickasaw Foundation welcomes summer youth participants

Meagan Melton

The Chickasaw Foundation welcomes Ms. Meagan Kathleen Melton, 19, as our summer youth participant. She is the daughter of Richard and LaDonna Melton, and has two younger brothers, Daniel, 18, and Justin, 14. She currently resides with her grandmother, Ethel Burden, to assist her when necessary.

She is a 2005 graduate of Vanoss Public Schools and enjoys reading, swimming and playing pool. Her future plans are to continue earning her degree in accounting from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She would like to be a certified public accountant and eventually establish her own business.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program welcomes Joel Dameron, 20, as our summer youth worker. Joel is the son of Joni Imotichey and John Dameron. He currently

Joel Dameron

resides with his grandparents, Jerry and Janice Imotichey.

Joel is a 2006 graduate of Anadarko High School. He enjoys music and acting, and currently plays lead guitar in a hard rock band. Joel is a student at Murray State College majoring in education. His future plans include attending the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma majoring in English education to become a high school English teacher.

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'Its About Money'

Chickasaw businessman's journey leads him back home

Ross Hill

By ROSS HILL
President and CEO
Bank2

Mention Oklahoma to people from other states and they are likely to mention at least one of five things; Native Americans, football, tornados, the Oklahoma City bombing or oil. No surprises here but I am sure you are as particularly proud of the first one just as I am.

Oklahoma is a great state for many reasons but our Native American heritage makes us special in many ways. Tornados are exciting but also incredibly dangerous. Oklahoma football is fanatical but good seasons come and go. The Oklahoma City bombing is nothing but a tragedy. We have had our tough times, but without question Oklahoma has benefited tremendously from the oil and natural gas industry.

I think you will understand why I was so excited recently when Bank2 was in the unique position to work on a project that includes Chickasaws and the oil industry. I am referring to one of the largest lending transactions ever made in Bank2's history.

It is one thing to be known for making home loans tailored to meet the needs of Native Americans. It is great to know Native Americans think of Bank2 when they need to purchase a new automobile or start a new business. We even get excited when we open a new savings or checking account. These are all wonderful opportunities to serve the people of the Chickasaw Nation. But we couldn't help but be enthused recently when we played a major role in working with a Chickasaw oil man on the purchase of a significant natural gas distribution business right here in Oklahoma.

Thomas Hartline's grandmother lived in Ada, Okla., and was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Like many Okies who lived during the Great Depression, Hartline's grandparents migrated to California in an attempt to escape the harsh environment that ripped through the Heartland. The west coast became home to the Hartline family. However, some 70 years later, business opportunities and connectivity with fellow Chickasaws, have brought Thomas Hartline back his Chickasaw roots.

Hartline grew up in California. He eventually earned a MBA from the University of California, Irvine and became a licensed general engineering contractor with interest in heavy construction and oil field production pipeline development and distribution. His work would take him around the world including pipeline projects in East Africa and South America.

Hartline became a valued consultant to the heavy construction and energy industry. He ultimately founded Navitas Utility Corporation with his business partner Richard Varner. Interestingly, Varner and Hartline shared a similar Chickasaw heritage and Oklahoma connections. Varner's relatives were from the Paul family, as in Pauls Valley, Okla.

With more than 30 years of combined experience in the petroleum industry, Hartline and Varner were positioned to be effective in the pursuit and development of local distribution companies. Navitas Assets, LLC gained an interest in purchasing Oklahoma's Fort Cobb Fuel Authority, LLC from Gateway Energy.

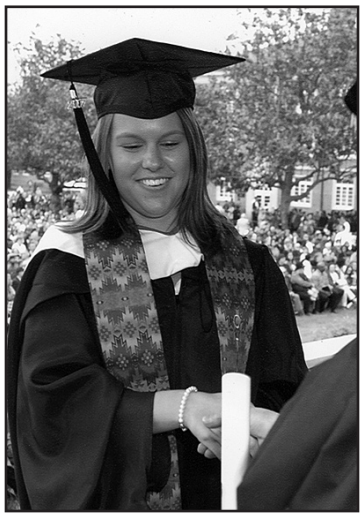
"When we determined to secure financing for the project in Oklahoma we had two major criteria. We wanted an Oklahoma bank and a bank that understood United States Department of Agriculture lending," Hartline explained. "When we realized Bank2 was based in Oklahoma, were experts in dealing with the U.S.D.A. and was owned by our fellow Chickasaws, we knew we were on the right path."

I'm proud to announce that Bank2 funded the $2.65 million with Navitas. How exciting to see how the Chickasaw Nation played a major role in seeing one of its own make a major investment in Oklahoma. Something tells me that as a Chickasaw, Hartline's grandmother would be proud to know that she help played a role in helping her grandson make the most of a business opportunity, especially when it involved the Chickasaw Nation.

It is stories like these that make being a part of the Chickasaw Nation one of the greatest benefits of serving our people through Bank2. We would love for your story to be the next one we tell.

Ross A. Hill is president-CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing $85 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla. Bank2 is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money is published monthly by Bank2 as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation. To learn more about the many great financial services and Bank2 home loan programs designed especially for Native Americans, call toll-free 1-877-409-2265 or visit www.bank2.biz

Tressa Iris Kirby



RADFORD, Va. - A Chickasaw student has recently earned her master's degree.

Tressa Iris Kirby was awarded her master of science degree in corporate and professional communication from Radford University in May.

Ms. Kirby has accepted a job as associate manager of communications with the American Diabetes Association in Washington, D.C.

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May 2007 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for May 2007 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a $25 Walmart gift certificate.

All Native Americans students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals, or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the month for the Tishomingo District are **Sadie Tyson**, Tishomingo Elementary, **Ashleigh Dunn**, Tishomingo Jr. High and **Rebecca Hoster**, Tishomingo High.

"**Sadie Tyson** is a remarkable young lady," said Rosanna Easterling. "She strives to be the best in everything she attempts to do. She is energetic and willing to take on any task set before her. She is a positive thinker, which makes her an excellent student. It has been such a delight to have Sadie in my class this year. She has been 'Student of the Month' and 'JOM Honor Student.'"

Sadie Tyson

"**Ashleigh Dunn** is a good student," said Donna Owens. "She works hard to maintain good grades. She participates in sports and is a leader in the classroom and in each of the sports she plays. She presents a positive attitude toward her peers and teachers and is a positive influence on those around her."

Ashleigh Dunn

"**Rebecca Hoster** is an outstanding student, both academically and in extra-curricular activities within the school as well as in the community," said Don Tims. "She has a positive outlook on life, and she will be successful in whatever profession she chooses. She is graduating in the top 10% of her graduating class. I strongly recommend she be given consideration for 'Chickasaw Student of the Month.'"

Students of the month for the Pontotoc District are **Madison Abney**, Latta Elementary, **Greyson Smith**, Byng Elementary, **Brenna Tarver**, Lexington Jr. High, **Boaz Vandever**, Latta Jr. High, **Amanda Kretzschmar** and **Christopher Tyler Hatton**, Byng High.

"**Madison Abney** is a wonderful student," said Mrs. Rauch. "She works hard to make good grades. She is very busy participating in many activities such as showing goats in 4-H, playing sports and riding her horses. She is friendly and outgoing. I think she would make a great student of the month."

Madison Abney

"**Greyson Smith** is a fourth grade student at Byng Elementary School and I would like to recommend him for Chickasaw Student of the Month," said Stephanie Delfrate. "I have known Greyson as a student for the past year and have had the pleasure of getting to know him better and found him to be very pleasant and hard working. He is always ready to help with any project and he is willing to help in any activity. He carries a 4.0 grade point average and is on the Chickasaw Honor Roll. He not only excels academically, he has been involved in numerous school activities. Your consideration for this honor will be appreciated."

"**Brenna Tarver** is an eighth grader at Lexington Middle School," said Meredith Jones. "She is a very civic-minded student and is always willing to help out around school. She is very athletic and excels in several sports. She has a good attendance record and has never been in trouble. Brenna is a good choice for Student of the Month."

"**Boaz Vandever** is a very smart young man," said Terry Pinter. "He is well liked by his teachers as well as his peers. He is one of the smartest and nicest kids I know. He is always willing to help a friend in need or do anything his teachers ask of him. I think that Boaz would be very deserving of this honor."

Boaz Vandever

"**Amanda Kretzschmar** is a senior at Byng High School and I have known her for her entire school career," said Merry Monroe. "She is a very sweet girl who works hard to be a success in every task she tackles. She has constantly been on the honor roll and recently took her state boards in cosmetology and passed with flying colors. She has been an active member of our Native Voices Indian Club and has been a delight to work with. She is the type of person who will always do her best in anything she attempts and I hope you consider her for the Student of the Month."

"**Christopher Tyler Hatton** is an excellent student and has been involved with baseball, he is the manager of our team," said Kevin Wilson. "He is very reliable in all the things that he does for the team. He is very respectful, which can be rare these days. I believe Tyler demonstrates what a great student is all about, and it gives me great pleasure to recommend him as a Student of the Month."

Students of the month for the Pickens District are **Michaella Saunders** and **Ryan Taylor**, Lincoln Elementary (Ardmore).

Michaella Saunders

"**Michaella Saunders** is a very sweet student," said Jeanette Lynch. "She tries her best at all of her subjects. She is willing to help with anything I ask of her. She is a model student."

"**Ryan Taylor** is a very sweet student. He is a diligent worker. He has been a hard worker all year. His academic work has improved over the year. He is a model student."

Ryan Taylor

Aubri Brauning graduates from Head Start

Aubri Brauning

Aubri Lynn Brauning graduated from Seminole Nation Mekusukey Mission Head Start on May 23.

In December 2006, Aubri Lynn was chosen Queen of Head Start for the 2006-2007 school year.

She played her first year of t-ball this year. Her team was the "Love Bugs."

She is the daughter of Justin Brauning and Amber Coon, of Seminole, Okla., and the granddaughter of Jimmy and Kay Brauning, of Bowlegs, Okla., and Jimmy and Susan Harjo, of Seminole.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Charley "Sonny" Leader and Helen Leader, of Bowlegs, and Wayne and Nelmon Brauning, of Seminole. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Lois Goer Clifford, of Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw siblings earn awards in history, reading events

Hunter Baldwin

Madison Baldwin

Austen Baldwin

Three Chickasaw siblings have recently earned awards for history and reading.

Hunter Thomas Baldwin, a first grader at Daggett Montessori School in Fort Worth, Texas, was awarded a reading medal for reading the fourth highest number of books for students in grades K through 5. Hunter was part of the "Reach for the Stars" reading competition.

Madison Gabrielle Baldwin, won a third place in the group category of the History Fair conducted this Spring at the Daggett Montessori School.

Seventh-grader Austen Taylor Baldwin was part of a team which won first place in school level History Fair and wnet on to win second place in the Texas Regional History Fair.

The team's video entry on the Alamo was planned and produced by team members and was a documentary of the famous fort.

The team's second-place finish allowed it to compete in the Texas State History competition in Austin.

Austen was also recognized as the outstanding seventh-grade science student at Daggett Montessori School in Fort Worth for the 2006-2007 school year.

Parents of the Baldwin children are Steve and Melissa Baldwin, of Fort Worth. They are the grandchildren of Gene and Vivian Thompson, of Austin.

Chickasaw students learn small business skills at Southeastern academy

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and the young Chickasaws who participated in the recent entrepreneurship academy. The academy is conducted annually and is hosted by the Southeastern Oklahoma State University John Massey School of Business. Students learn the essential elements elements of owning and operating a small business.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business recently played host to aspiring young entrepreneurs from the Chickasaw Nation. The students, made up primarily of graduating seniors from across the Chickasaw Nation as well as Texas, California and even Canada, attended the week-long academy aimed at exposing participants to the demands and rewards of small business ownership.

The academy, in its fifth consecutive year, is a partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and the John Massey School of Business. The academy is intended to open the eyes of young Chickasaws to business opportunities while at the same time providing them with the skills necessary to develop a basic business plan.

"Our students perform so well during the entrepreneurship academy," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We are proud of them. Watching their small business skills develop is exciting."

The 2007 academy was intense, including tours of local businesses between class and computer lab assignments.

"Developing a sound business plan takes work and there just simply are not short cuts," said Dr. Kitty Campbell, academy director and faculty member at the Southeastern School of Business. "There were many days when we could tell the students were tired, but they were troopers and pressed on to complete their plans."

"It was fantastic to expose these young adults to the type leadership they witnessed this week" said Bill McCurdy, Massey School of Business faculty member and instructor at the academy. "This year's students had the opportunity to hear from John Massey, chairman of one of the largest rural banking operations in the country, as well as Randy Harp, COO for Pre-Paid Legal Services. Regent Massey and Mr. Harp are two executives with substantial control over multi-million dollar operations, and you don't get a chance to interview this caliber of leader every day."

The students also had an opportunity to hear from Gov. Anoatubby during a session specifically scheduled for the academy participants.

"One of the goals of the academy is to allow these students to interact with people who have taken entrepreneurship to its highest level," said McCurdy.

McCurdy, a Chickasaw citizen, said he believed the students had an excellent example of the entrepreneurial spirit than in Gov. Anoatubby.

One of the new initiatives of the 2007 academy was the Youth Market. The purpose of Youth Market is to expose young Chickasaw entrepreneurs to the basic activities associated with business operation.

Students were allowed to select their own product lines, determine their own pricing strategy, develop their own marketing materials, and compose their own personal selling philosophies. The goal was for market customers to expect the same from students that they might expect from any business they patronize. The students had full ownership authority for their table top store. They could alter pricing, bundle products, or offer incentives.

The Youth Market took place in the large conference room at Chickasaw Nation headquarters. Students were able to market and sell their products to over 100 tribal employees and executives.

"It was great to watch the students become creative when faced with direct competition and significant obstacles" said McCurdy. "I think we can expect great things from our young people in the near future. I believe small business ownership will definitely see an increase within our tribal membership."

"We appreciate the hard work put in by Lisa John and her staff from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education, Beth Campbell and Callie Roebuck stayed with the students night and day to help ensure a successful event," said School of Business Dean Buddy Gaster. "They did a fantastic job of recruiting and brought us some of the best students ever for this academy. The Divisions of Enterprises and Education were very generous in their contributions to this year's academy. With their help more than $4,000 in cash awards were made and lap top computers were given to all graduating seniors that attended the event. With support like this, it's no wonder the academy has become so popular with Chickasaw students."

Award winners:

Most Likely to Succeed Plan

Brad Gooch, Ada, OK

Most Unique Plan

Joe Thomas, McAlester, OK

Best Overall Plan

Joel McReynolds, Ardmore, OK

Youth Market Champions

The Yellow Team

Joel McReynolds, Ardmore, OK

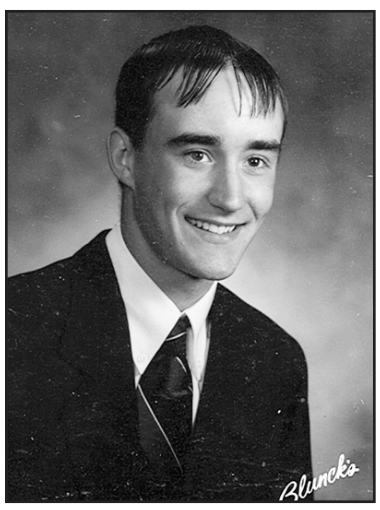
Callie Jones, Marietta, OK

Brad Gooch, Ada, OK

Joe Thomas, McAlester, OK

The academy is an annual event and Chickasaw youth wishing to attend next year's academy should contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Services at (580) 421-7711 or visit their website at http://www.chickasaweducationservices.com/

Chickasaw earns OSU scholarship



CODY MASSEY

A Chickasaw undergraduate student at Oklahoma State University has recently been awarded an agricultural scholarship.

Cody Massey, a junior from Weatherford, Okla., received the Sam David Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually by the OSU Animal Science department.

Mr. Massey is active in OSU Animal Science projects and programs. He has been active on the meat judging team, the Meat Science Association and Agronomy Club. He has also achieved inclusion on the Dean's List.

Dr. Robert Kropp, of the OSU Animal Science department, made the scholarship presentation to Mr. Massey during the department's annual banquet.

Mr. Massey is the son of Chris and Brenda Friesen, of Weatherford.

He is the grandson of Carol and Terry Minzey, and the nephew of Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott, all of Elmore City, Okla.

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our time."

Each of the men reflected on the experience of looking back at earth from the moon.

Cernan pointed out the paradoxical nature of the experience.

"We were in bright sunlight looking at the earth in all its beauty and color surrounded by the blackest blackness you can imagine."

John Young, whose record six space flights included Apollo 16, compared the view of earth from that vantage point to "sitting on God's front porch looking back at that part of the universe he created."

He added that it was "too beautiful to have happened by accident. Science and technology could no longer explain it."

Alan Bean said "there's no place in the universe as beautiful as the place we get to live our lives."

Bean was Lunar module pilot on Apollo 12, man's second lunar landing.

He is also an accomplished artist who has painted many actual scenes from moon missions.

Many of his paintings were projected onto the large screen in the theater during the event.

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ronment, astronauts preparing for a particular task outside the vehicle will practice dozens, or even hundreds of times.

Another highlight of the tour was the opportunity to see the historic mission control center for Apollo moon missions.

David Brown, who worked in the center during several of the Apollo missions, spoke to the students. He explained that technology in the homes of students today is much more advanced than what was available to NASA at the time of the moon landings.

He assured students their home computers today are 300 times more powerful than the computers used by NASA during the Apollo missions.

He also pointed out that the average age of personnel in mission control during the Apollo missions.

Students were also able to visit the mission control centers where personnel monitor the space shuttle and the International Space Station.

A 40-foot tall chamber where parts and payload of the shuttle and space station are subjected to the vacuum and temperature extremes of space was also featured on the tour.

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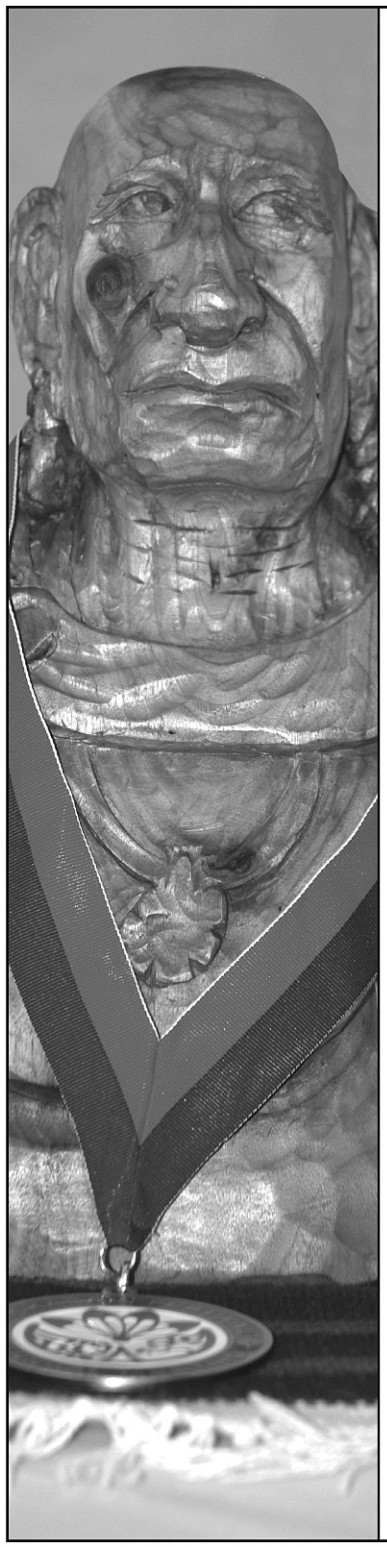

The Chickasaw Nation
Southeastern Art Show & Market

Call For Artists: Adults & Youth

2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM)
October 4 – 6 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma

Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists are invited to participate in the Chickasaw Nation 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM), a juried competition and outside market and showcase conducted on the grounds of the tribe's beautiful historic capitol.

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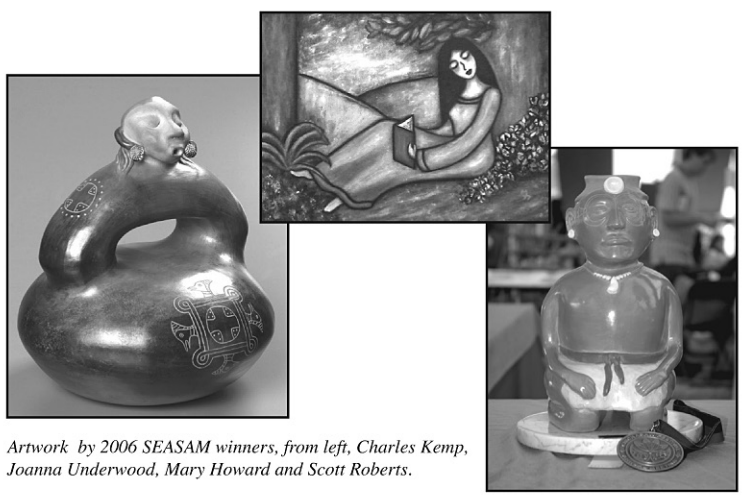
- Youth competition open to students entering grades 9-12 in the 2007-2008 school year.
- Deadline for submissions is September 1, 2007

Adult & Youth Competition – Thursday, Oct. 4
Adult Awards Ceremony – Thursday, Oct. 4
Adult & Youth Art Market – Friday & Saturday, Oct. 5-6
Youth Awards Ceremony–Saturday, Oct. 6



Artwork by 2006 SEASAM winners, from left, Charles Kemp, Joanna Underwood, Mary Howard and Scott Roberts.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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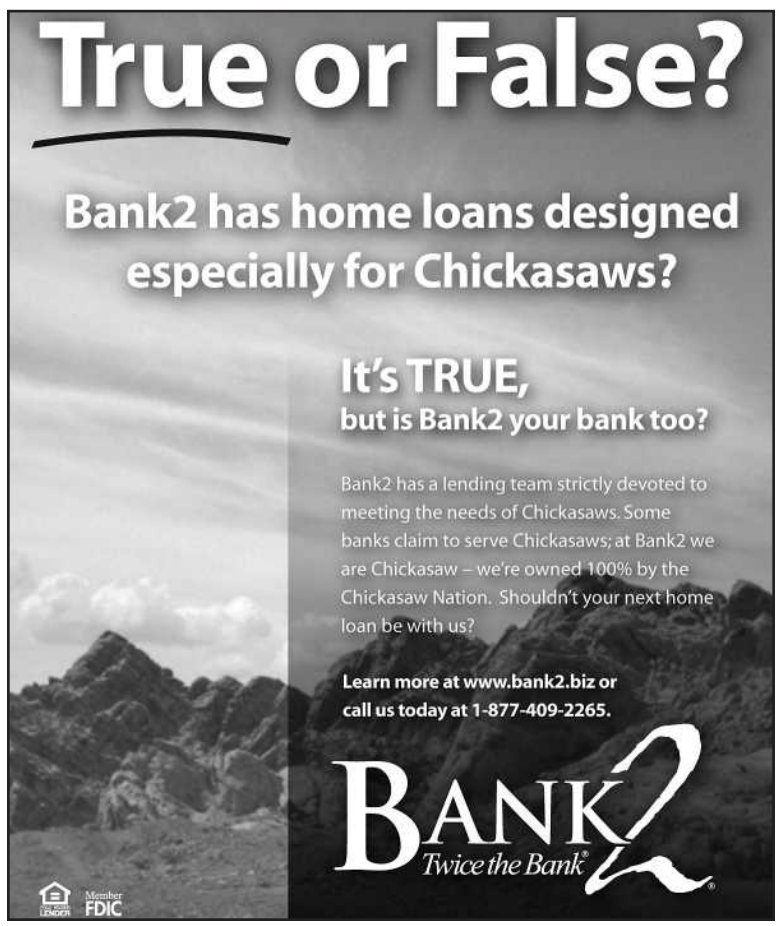
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royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve the GR24-031

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-031 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-032, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract Nos. 1052 ½ A & 1052 ½ B)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $433.50 per acre for a total bonus of $24,926.25, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $6,231.56, on property belonging to the Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. The lease contains 115.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $172.50 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $43.13 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve the GR24-032

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-032 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-033, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract - McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Antero Resources Corporation, of Denver, Colorado. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $1,071.00 per acre for a total bonus of $171,360.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $42,840.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. The lease contains 160.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $480.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $120.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Worez to approve the GR24-033

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,

David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-033 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-034, Oil and Gas Lease in Pushmataha County (Tribal Tract No. 154)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of T.S. Dudley Land Company, Inc., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of $105.00 per acre for a total bonus of $525.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $131.25, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. The lease contains 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $15.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Worez to approve the GR24-034

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-034 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-036, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Marshall County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 7,477.6 square feet or 0.17 acres more or less. The property location is in the 900 block of South 1st Street, Madill Oklahoma. It will be used for casino Parking for the Madill Gaming Center.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the GR24-036

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-036 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-041, Utility Right-Of-Way Easement in Marshall County

This resolution approves a utility right-of-way to OG&E.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve the GR24-041

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-041 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported the plans for the new hospital are underway. The ground breaking is scheduled for September. She concluded her report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

Ms. Briggs announced the opening for the White House was scheduled for May 29 at 2:00 p.m. She concluded her report.

(H) **COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-039, Maintenance of Jurisdiction for Sex Offender Registry in within Chickasaw Nation Tribal Territory

The U.S. Congress passed the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (P.L. 109- 248) which will establish state jurisdiction over sex offender registries in Indian lands absent affirmative action from tribes to accept responsibility for this function. The law stipulates that action must be taken by a tribe by July 27, 2007. Further, tribes that accept responsibility for this function may rescind their action at any time subsequent to the initial deadline, and accept jurisdiction of the state for the same. Tribes that accept responsibility for this function will have two years from the initial deadline to develop and implement a sex offender registry system in compliance with the law.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the GR24-039

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-039 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 24-006, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 11 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Extradition Act)

This resolution amends rules and procedures for the extradition of suspects to and from the Chickasaw Nation and other jurisdictions. It makes the Chickasaw Nation rules and procedures uniform with the law of other jurisdictions.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve the PR24-006

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve PR24-006 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Humes stated that he had met with his attorney on several issues regrading the Chickasaw Nation. He also announced that he was attending many of the Chickasaw council meetings.

AGENDA ITEM #8
ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

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Boarding School, continued from page 1

From left, Rachinda Kennedy, Kaya Seeley, Cordelia Seeley and Dorothy Lacher.

Family members view photos on display at the Chickasaw boarding school reunion.

"I thought it was great," said Beulah Shavney, who graduated from Chilocco in 1940.

"Chilocco prepared me for life in the military," said Shavney, who added that many of the young people today could benefit from the discipline taught at the school.

John "J.C." Atkins remembered the strict discipline during his one year at Jones Academy.

"We marched into the dining hall and a bell rang," he said. "They said the prayer and another bell rang to let you know it was time to eat."

He added that beginning to eat before the second bell could result in being harshly disciplined.

While he left Jones Academy after only one year, Atkins later learned welding during his time at Haskell and made the trade his career.

Davidson, who attended Carter Seminary from 1953-57 and Sequoyah from 1957-61, said she was sad that many of the old school buildings were no longer standing.

"If we didn't have (the boarding schools) a lot of the Indian kids wouldn't be going to college and they would not have progressed as much as they have," she said. "Although I just went to the twelfth grade at least I had enough education that I went on from there and I was a success."

Those attending the event also had the opportunity to view a video presentation of the history and significance of the boarding school era.

Attendees received several commemorative items, including an embroidered throw, a mug, a refrigerator magnet and a DVD including the video presentation and photo montage.

"We thank you for the gifts," said Ruthie Ellis. "The throw is great."

Group photos of students and family members were taken during the event.

Those wishing to obtain copies of photos taken during the event or the DVD should contact Lori Hamilton or Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.

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is held in trust by the federal government and therefore cannot be mortgaged. H.R. 1676 reauthorizes the loan program through Fiscal Year 2012.

"The President and both houses of Congress recognize the importance of this program," Boren said. "Seeing this legislation passed and signed into law is critical to continue providing home ownership opportunities throughout Indian Country."

President Bush issued a June 1 proclamation that June 2007 is National Home Ownership Month.

"Owning a home provides a source of security and stability for many of our citizens," the president said. "My Administration is committed to fostering an ownership society and helping more Americans realize the great promise of our country."

Tribal officials present at the bill signing included Gov. Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation, Chief Chad Smith of the Cherokee Nation, Assistant Chief Gary Batton of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Chief A.D. Ellis of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, and Chief Enoch Kelly Haney of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

"It is significant that the president invited tribal leaders to the White House for this signing during National Homeownership Month," said Gov. Anoatubby.

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Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location information, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Date of submission:_____ Regional Chickasaw Council:_____

Company Name:_____

Parent Company name (if applicable):_____

Mailing Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Street Address:_____

Phone Number:_____ Fax Number:_____

Email address:_____

Owner's Name:_____ Owner's Title:_____

Other contact person:_____

Brief description of product/services (be specific):_____

Ownership Information:

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

Name/Title	Percent Ownership	CDIB	Tribal Affiliation

Betty Jean Andrews

Betty Jean Andrews, age 82, and her husband of 63 years, Howard Andrews, age 82, died Feb., 14, 2007 in Duncan, Okla.

Mrs. Andrews was the daughter of Eugene Ross (Snake) Thompson (an original enrollee) and Maude Green. She was the granddaughter of Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr., the last elected Treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation and the niece of TeAta (Thompson) Fisher.

She was preceded in death by her son, David Andrews; her parents; her brother, Eugene Ross Thompson II; a nephew, Eugene Ross Thompson III; all her Chickasaw aunts and uncles and her cousins, Llewellyn Flood, Durword Thomas, Hiawatha Estes, Thomas Gale and Senator Helen Cole.

She is survived by a nephew, Guy Alan Thompson, his wife Diana, and their son, Zachary, of Washington Court, Ohio; three cousins, Dorothy Powell of Bend, Ore., Taloah Thompson Thorpe and her husband, William G. Thorpe, of Castle Rock, Colo., and Eugene Glenn Thompson and his wife Vivian of Austin.

She loved life and family, was a proud Chickasaw elder and will be missed by all who knew and loved her and her husband.

Mary Malissa Williamson

Mary Malissa Williamson Davis, "Toby," 69, of Allendale, S.C., died April 15, 2007 after a long battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 18, 1938 at Wynnewood, Okla., to Harris Blair and Mary Parnell Williamson. She was the granddaughter of Lucy Harris White Short, an original enrollee and great-granddaughter of Cyrus Harris.

Mrs. Davis was an accountant at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, for many years. She enjoyed reading, traveling and telling her grandchildren stories of her family, Indian heritage and childhood. Upon retiring from Emory University Hospital she moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Harris Blair Williamson, Jr., (Bud) and Jim Pierce Williamson.

She is survived by a daughter, Rebecca Harris Davis Chastain, Allendale; a son, Ronald Parnell Davis, Barnwell, S.C.; four grandchildren, Blair McKenzie Chastain Earl, Allendale, and Ronald Parnell Davis, Jr., Robert Tyler Davis, and Callie Elizabeth Davis, all of Barnwell; three great-grandchildren, Mary Melanie Earl, and Jacob McKenzie Earl, of Allendale and Hailey Morgan Davis, Cornish, N.H.

Marlema Vale Dugan

Marlema Vale Dugan, 91, died June 9, 2007. Services were June 14, 2007 at Village Baptist Church. Burial followed in Oaklawn Cemetery, Sulphur, Okla.

She was born in Sulphur, Okla., and attended public schools in Sulphur. She graduated from Haskell Indian School, Lawrence, Kan., where she later became the registrar and also at Intermountain Indian School in Brigham City, Utah. She worked for the BIA and IRS for 30 years until her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and two sisters.

She is survived by brothers, James Vale, Florissant, Mo., John Vale, Albuquerque; sisters, Verlayne O'Meara, Oklahoma City, Lynn Engles and Lois Moeller, Phoenix.

Thanks to Wellington Independent Living and Belvue for the special care they gave prior to her death. Thank you to Glenda for her help. Mrs. Dugan didn't have children of her own, but she was expecially loved by all her 19 nieces and nephews as well as those she came in contact with. Her niece, Connie Walk, Oklahoma City, was a special comfort to her.

Farm Service committee nominations sought

ADA, Oklahoma – The Oklahoma Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that USDA is accepting nomination forms for eligible candidates to serve on local FSA County Committees throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The nomination period is June 15 – August 1, 2007.

Almost anyone participating or associated with agricultural land and who is of legal voting age can be nominated as a candidate. Tribal members are considered landowners if their tribe has an agricultural interest in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) and they live within the LAA.

All nomination forms must be received in a County FSA Office or postmarked by August 1, 2007. Voting takes place between November 2, 2007 and December 3, 2007.

This year elections are occurring in the following Local Administrative Areas.

Atoka County – LAA 1 – the south west 1/3 of Atoka County

Bryan County – LAA 1 – the northern 1/3 of Bryan County

Carter County-LAA2 –the east ½ part of Carter County

Coal County – LAA 5 – the west ½ of Coal County

Garvin County – LAA3 – the NW 1/3 part of Garvin County

Grady County – LAA3- the south 1/3 of Grady County

Jefferson County- LAA2-the east ½ of Jefferson County

Johnston County-LAA2- the North east 1/3 of Johnston County

Love County-LAA4- the East ½ of Love County

McClain County-LAA 1- south east 1/3 part of McClain County

Murray County-LAA 14- the East ½ of Murray County

Pontotoc County-LAA 2- the southern part of Pontotoc County

Stephens County –LAA3- the south 1/3 of Stephens County.

For more information about the election or to obtain an election map you can contact one of your local FSA offices.

Chickasaw author reflects on time in Siberia

RANDY BLACK

A Chickasaw author, who lived in Russia during a portion of the 1990s, has taken those experiences and turned them into a book.

"Randy Black's Favorite Tales From Siberia," is a collection of short stories, anecdotes and memories from this life-changing experience. Randy Black is a Chickasaw who now lives in Dallas. From January 1993 to May 1995, he was a resident of Siberia, the huge eastern district of Russia.

Mr. Black kept notes of his time in Siberia on his Toshiba laptop computer. The book was first published in January 2007. It is available online at barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com and borders.com.

A link to the author's website, corpcomguy.com, provides a photo of the book cover plus a sample from the first chapter.

"Tales" is an exciting collection of poignant stories about the children, parents, grandparents, teachers, politicians, climate, and even the dogs, of Russia.

"I did not have internet access for the first couple of months in Omsk (population 1.3 million)," Mr. Black said. "So as I sat at my desk in my cold and tiny dormitory room night after night, I wrote e-letters to myself. Eventually, I decided to use those letters as the basis for my novel."

"Tales" allows readers to discover the "real" Russia far from the tourist centers. The book offers an often warm and inspiring look into the hearts of the Siberian people and how they deal with the thawing out process following 75 years of communist rule.

Mr. Black is an honorary fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. "Tales" was nominated in March for the 2008 Pulitzer Prize in General Non-Fiction.

"My real goal was to write a novel that readers would find intresting, inspiring and enlightening," Mr. Black said.